



Appendix V: Public Engagement
Sub-appendix B, Part 2
Oregon Ridge Park Master Plan
June 2023



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Oregon Ridge Park Master Plan Public Meeting #3; Public Input

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AGENDA SLIDE

1. Good evening. This is the third public meeting of the master planning process. It is virtual and tied to an in person interactive public input meeting this Saturday, October 8 at the Lodge between and 3.
2. A quick update on where we are in the development of the master plan. First, we have no plan recommendations yet. We are still wrapping up our data gathering, our site work, our interviews, and our public outreach to inform us on what you think works in the park, what doesn't, what should become a part of the park's future, what should not. Tonight, and this weekend we are looking to continue to learn more from you – and are asking the question - in the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park? What activities, equipment, and facilities, what management strategies should be considered, what should things look like? To prompt this conversation, we have compiled nine slides to review this evening with lots of ideas and look forward to your reaction and any other ideas or concerns they may spark.

After this weekend, we will start work on developing a framework and criteria for the development of alternative concept ideas. We will bring these back to you at a public meeting on November 12 at the Nature Center and a virtual meeting on November 16. The online survey posted on the County's web page and accessible by a QR code will remain open until October 31. The final plan recommendations will come back to you in early 2023.

QR CODE SLIDE

3. Now, we would like to gather your reactions to a series of images. We have created a survey tool that can compile real time results this evening. This is a digital tool to survey your likes, similar to what we will do on Saturday afternoon, although in a more low tech way. This is NOT a vote, nor is it scientific. It is just one tool we are using to help us better understand what Baltimore County residents want to see at Oregon Ridge Park when they visit in five years, in ten years, and in twenty years. These are possibilities and not decisions or recommendations. The images include existing features at the park and examples from other parks. These images do not focus on the buildings in the park – we have not included the Lodge, the Concert Shell, the Nature Center, the restrooms in this particular sampling. We will bring ideas and solicit reactions on these bigger park elements in November.

Mechanics – use the camera on your smart phone to grab the QR code on the screen. That

will take you to the survey. There is also a link on the screen and Rebecca has added it to the chat. Copy and paste the link directly into your browser. If instead, you click the link in the chat, you will get a safety message from WebEX cautioning you – go ahead and then click continue.

Cara and Rebecca from L/KLA will be our gate keepers and move us from one survey question and image board to the next. We will have two minutes (a bit more to get us all going at the start) and then will give you a 10 second warning to finish your survey and hit the button that says VOTE. If you don't hit VOTE, your preferences are NOT recorded. At that point, we will switch from the image board and view the survey results for that question. If these images spark other ideas, please be ready to share during the open chat later this evening. And a reminder of what David mentioned earlier, if you would like to speak during the chat period, please enter your name now. That will help Drew better navigate the chat outreach.

4. First Board includes images of gathering spaces. Different types at different scales, ranging from a picnic table to a formal stage and concert space. What belongs in Oregon Ridge's future? None, several, all? Since this is our first response, some guidance. You have the option to click one item, multiple items, or all items. If nothing appeals to you, just don't vote on this board. Not voting on one board does not prevent you from assessing the next board. The results will come back in terms of a percentage. Go to the survey and click the boxes, as many or as few as you wish. If you run into trouble, enter your question in the chat and we will do our best to help you participate. Be sure to click VOTE when you are finished so your entries are counted.

Let's go to the poll results...

5. The next three boards are focused on a broad definition of 'play'. We will view three collections of play opportunities. On this board – play could mean a volleyball court or sledding, both existing features in the park, or new play activities such as cycle cross or a rectangular field for lacrosse or soccer.
6. The second play board presents more ideas – from adding paddle boats to the quarry, to a splash pad perhaps in conjunction with a playground renovation or replacement, a community garden or continuation of the archery facility already in the park. Again, go to the survey, pick one, none, some, or all – elements and activities and features you hope to find in the park when you come visit in 2030, 2035, 2040.
7. This is the third of the series of image boards focused on a broad definition of play. An image of natural surface trails – a form of play for many; running trails including the ski slope – both heavily used features in the park today, or new activities – the national embracing of pickleball courts, public art, a viewing tower. What appeals to you?

8. The next two boards are specifically focused on play in the form of playgrounds. The large playground near the Lodge is due for replacement. The natural materials playground at the Nature Center is beloved. In these next two boards we are hoping to better understand what kinds of activities are appealing in a playground – swings, slides, climbers and what kind of materials are desired? These boards have a lot of ideas and examples – there are climbing features, balance elements, climbing towers, what appeals to you?
9. A second collection of playground elements – this board with examples of arches and tunnels, huts, step climbers, and more.
10. Trails are key to Oregon Ridge's future. This board presents images of a number of different trail types from paved to natural surface, trails that create spaces with skateboard tricks along the edge or benches, and a variety of bridges.
11. Large areas of the park are relatively undeveloped. What management activities should be considered? These images range from erosion control needs to better native vegetation management and protection from deer, installation and continued management for sustainable trails, meadow development, control and management of non-native invasive species, or habitat enhancement.
12. And last but not least, the final image board with a collection of ideas for interpretation, demonstration gardens such as a woodland garden, educational, field trips, and fun hikes, non native invasive plant education campaigns.

CLOSING IF NEEDED

13. Next Steps – to remind you that we are here, working, and want to hear from you. There are a number of upcoming opportunities for you to share your thoughts with the planning team. Join us this Saturday, October 8 at the Family Fun Event at the Lodge from 11 – 5, with a public input meeting from 1-3 in the Sequoia Room.
14. Thank you.

Insert Baltimore County Welcome Screen Agenda
Public Input Meeting – Oregon Ridge Master Plan
October 6, 2022 6-8 pm

6 pm – Meeting rules David (meeting recorded?)
6:02 – Opening Remarks – Director Johnson

Agenda

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| 7:00 PM | Open Chat - David O'Dell, Baltimore County
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| 7:55 PM | Concluding Remarks – Director Johnson, Baltimore County |

The following nine boards, the same that will be a part of an interactive display on Saturday, October 8th, include pictures of many elements and features. Tonight, we are using a digital survey to solicit your likes. Saturday we are going low tech and using dots to indicate likes and dislikes. This is not a vote, nor is it scientific. It is one tool that will help us identify future recommendations for Oregon Ridge Park.

These are **POSSIBILITIES and not decisions or recommendations.**

We want to better understand what appeals to you, what you would like to find in Oregon Ridge Park in five years, in ten years, and in twenty years. Images were selected based on our experience working in parks, listening in interviews and conversations with current park users, emails, and other comments received.

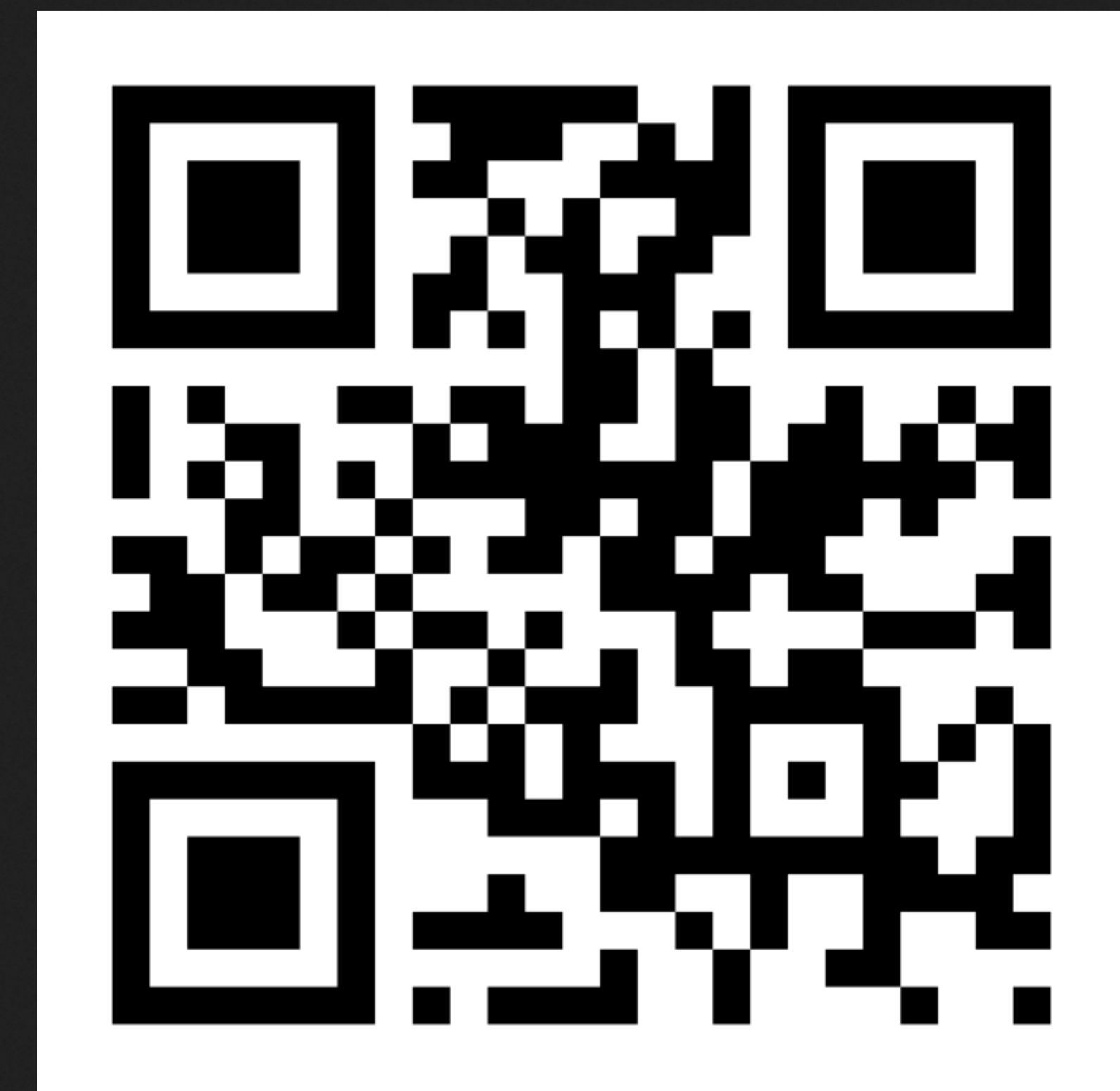
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Use the meeting link to view the slides on a separate machine

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1. Gathering Spaces - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



Informal picnic areas



Unstructured open spaces



Meeting facilities



Indoor and outdoor classrooms



Park benches



Picnic pavilions



Seating nooks



Outdoor amphitheater



Plaza, meeting,, gathering, and seating



Formal stage, outdoor performances and large events



Campfire areas

2.a. Play for ALL Ages - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



Volleyball



Canoeing



Bocce



Pop up lawn games



Skatepark



Dog park



Cycle cross



Rectangular fields



Horseback riding on trails



Softball fields



Sledding on the ski slope



Baseball fields

2.b. Play for ALL Ages - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



Open lawn for activities like Tae Kwan Do



Paddleboats on the lake



Open lawn for games



Pumptrack



Basketball



Adult exercise equipment



Splash pad



Viewing tower above the trees



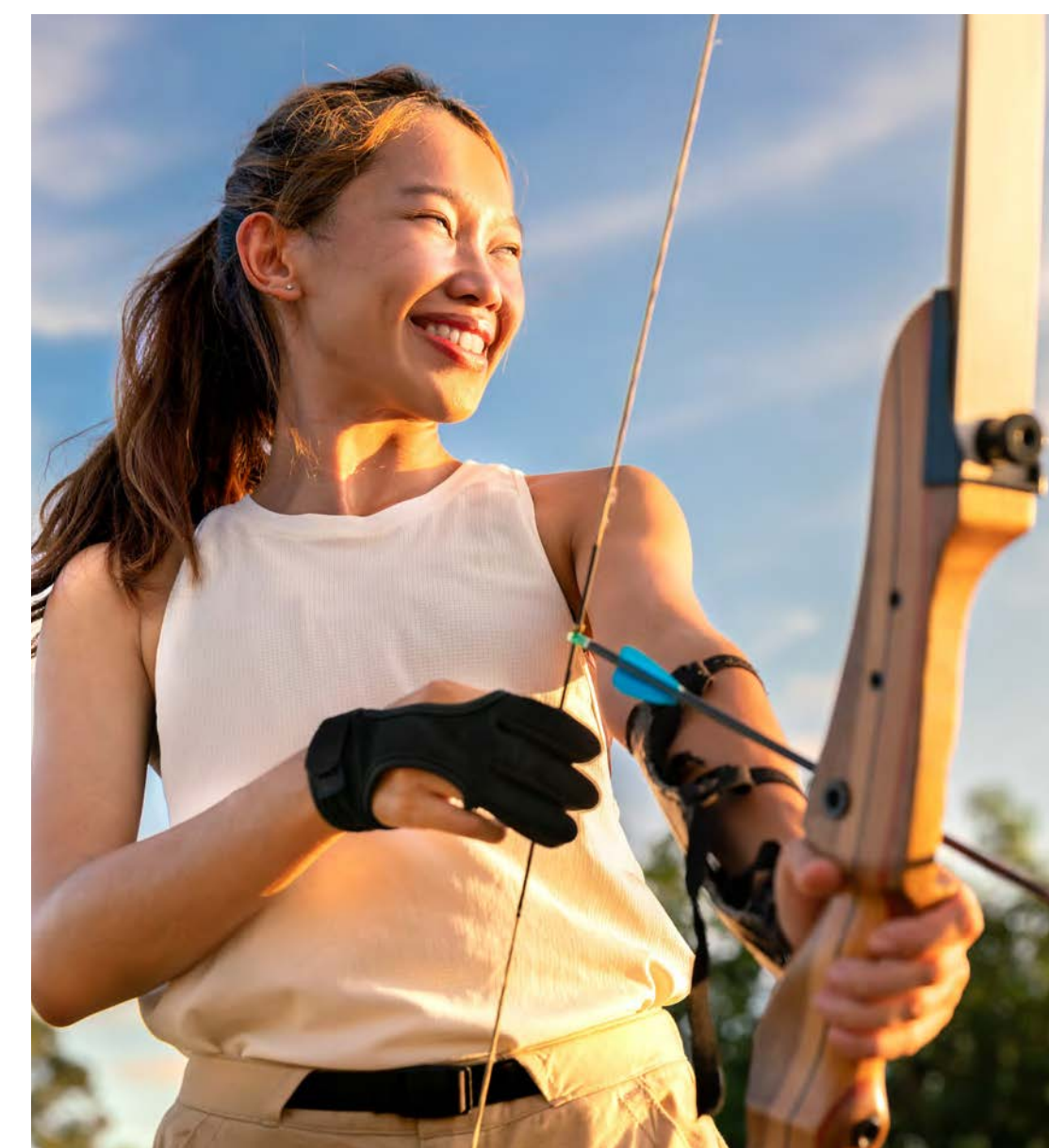
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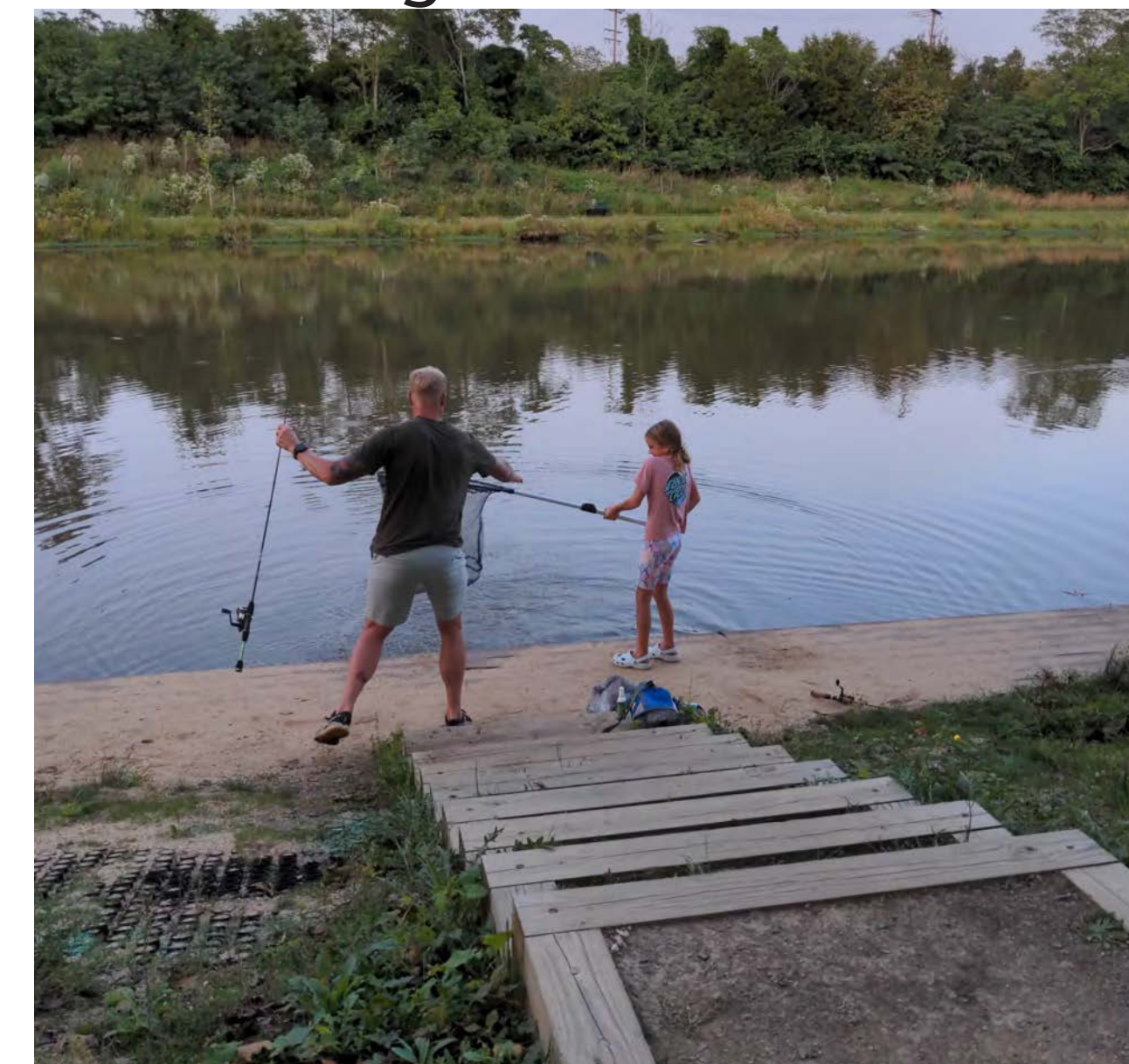
Community garden



Bike riding on trails



Archery



Fishing at the quarry



Horseshoes

2.c. Play for ALL Ages - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



Natural surface trails Seating

Adult exercise equipment Public art

Paved trails



Tennis

Birdwatching

Running trails (the ski slope)

Miniature golf



Viewing towers

Gardens - demonstration, community, educational

Concerts in the park

Pickleball

3.a. Playgrounds - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



Climbing features



Splash pad



Climbing features



Balance features



Balance features



Swings



Balance features



Shade structure



Spider's web climber



Playground slide and tower (composite structure)



Splash pad



Climbing tower (natural materials)



Nature playground (natural materials)

3.b. Playgrounds - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



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Arches and tunnels



Step climbers (natural materials)



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Sculptural climbers

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Interpretive trails



Paved ADA accessible trail, with activity areas



Trail bridges



Natural surface trails open to bikes



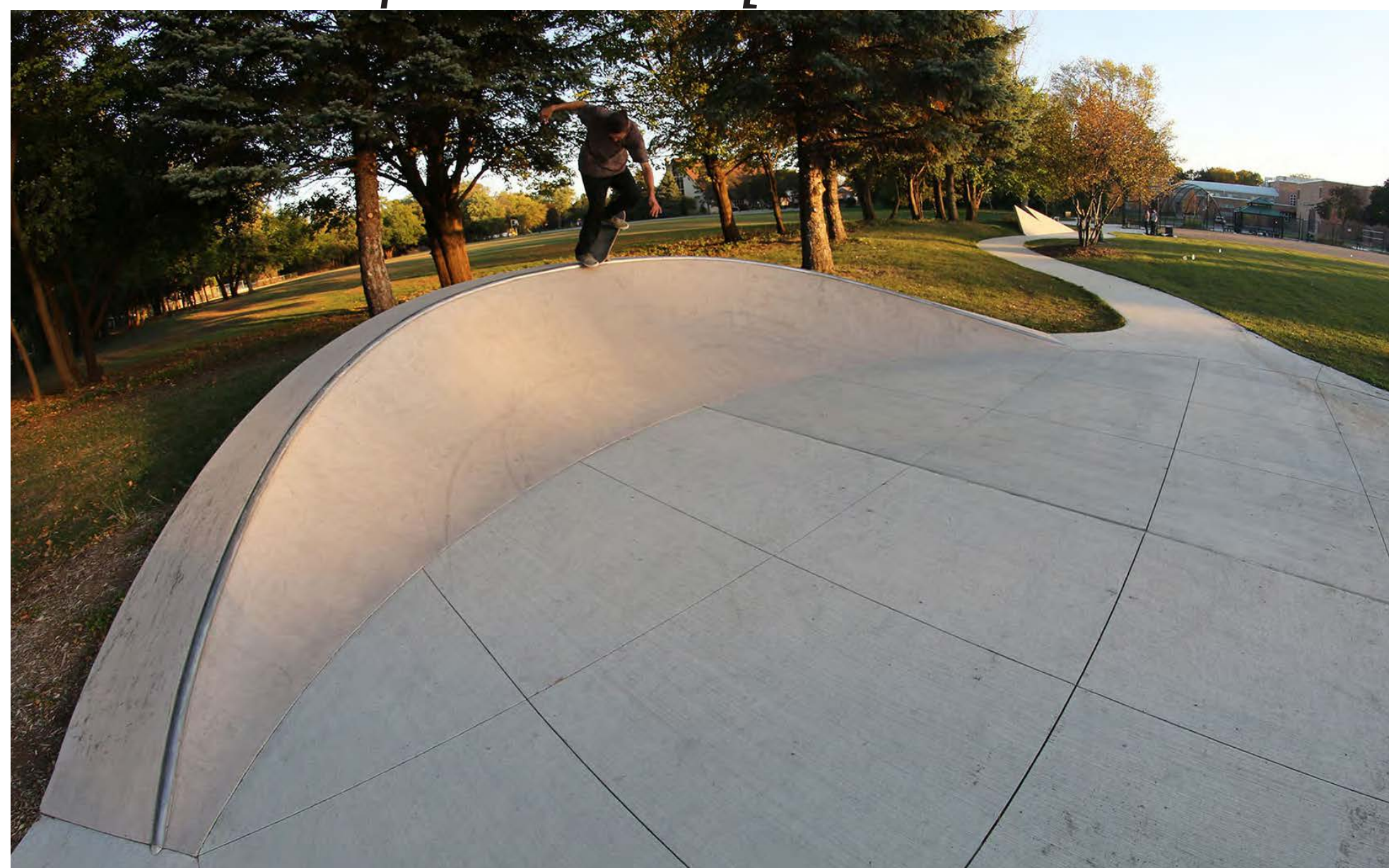
Paved ADA accessible multimodal trails



Short informal trail loops



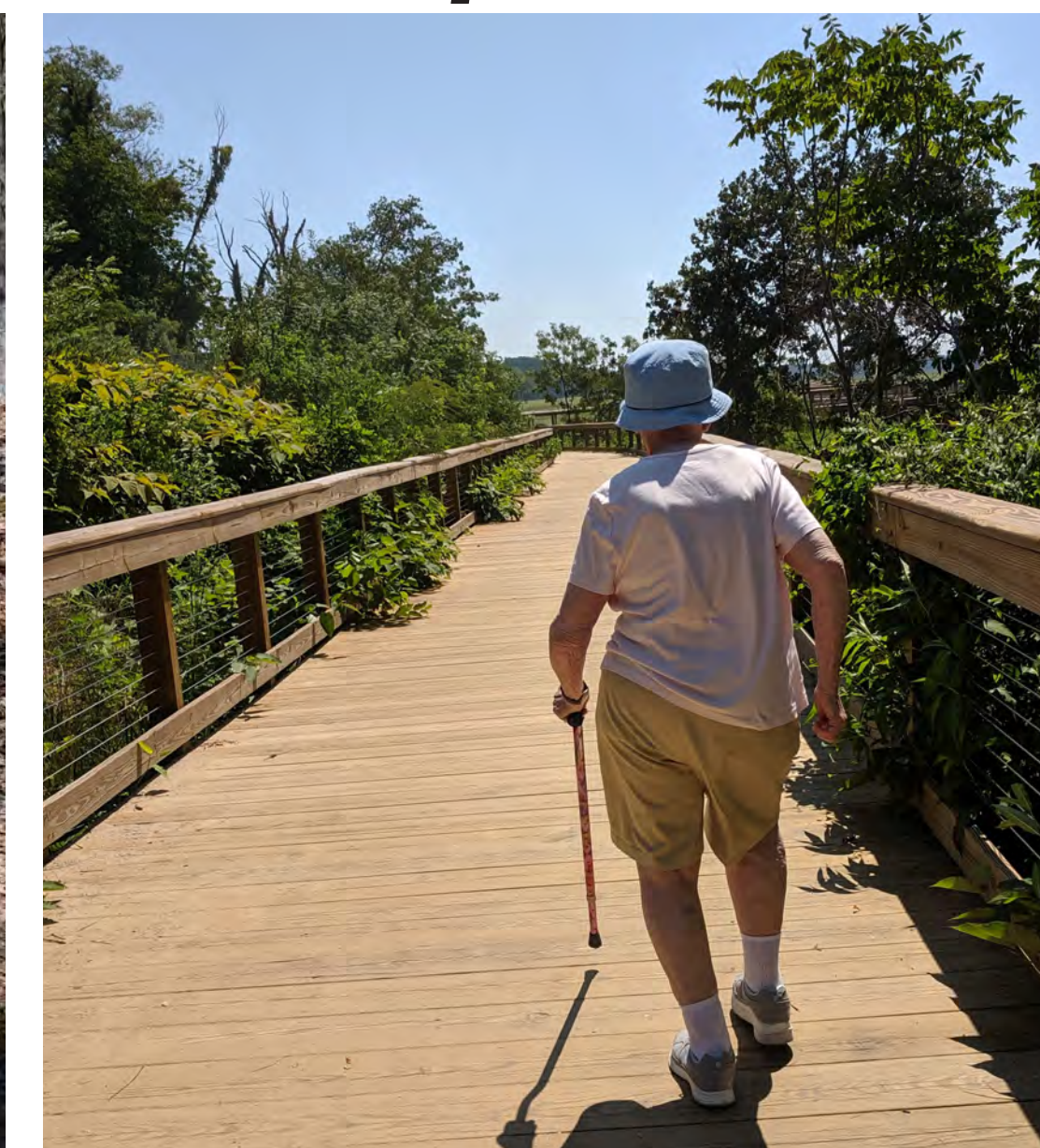
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Paved ADA accessible trail, with a skatespot



Sustainable natural surface trail



Decking or boardwalk in environmentally sensitive areas



5. Stewardship - In the future, what belongs in Oregon Ridge Park?



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Erosion control



Best Practices for stream protection, Class III trout stream



Forest management - native restoration, eradication of non-native invasive plants



Deer protection strategies



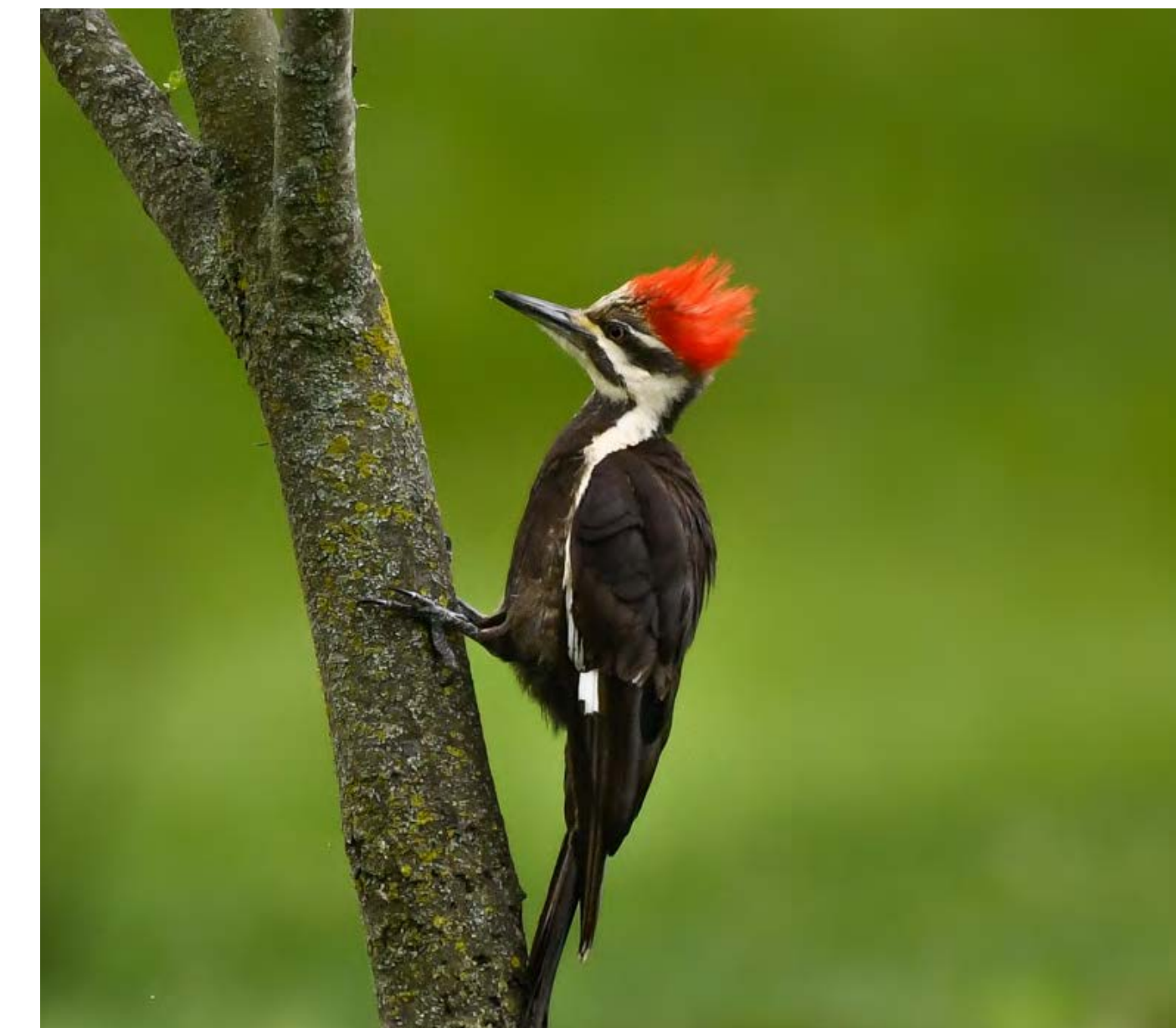
Sustainable trail maintenance (hired and with volunteers)



Volunteer weed warriors



Meadow development, turf reduction



Habitat enhancement and protection

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Interpretation and wildlife viewing platforms



Nature exploring



NNI education campaign



Educational panels



Educational, field trips, and fun hikes



Active scientific research and monitoring



Interpreted trails



Forest bathing



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Oregon Ridge Park Virtual Public Input Session October 8, 2022, 6-8 pm

DRAFT MEETING NOTES Transcription from Chat and Screen Shots

Attendees:

Baltimore County staff: Roslyn Johnson, Director; Bob Smith, Deputy Director; Courtney Weinstock, Deputy Director; Drew Emmer; David O'Dell

L/KLA Team: Elisabeth Lardner, Cara Smith, Rebecca Sibinga

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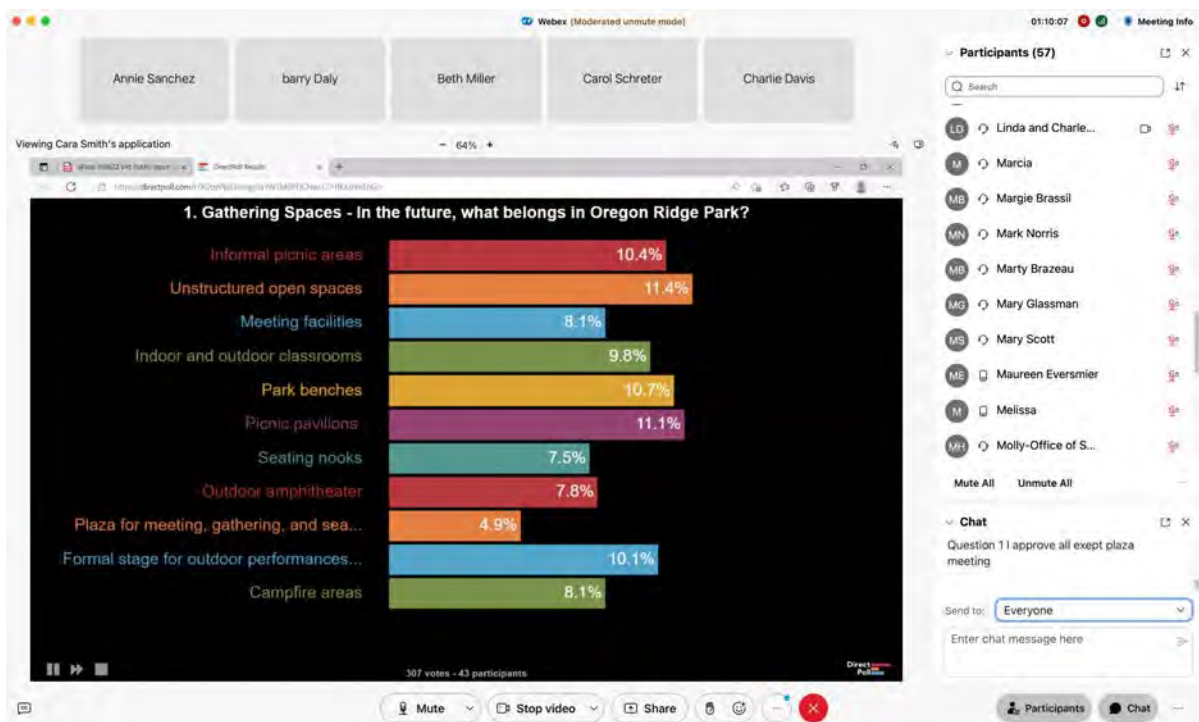
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Shared Image Board survey after brief update on Master Planning Process

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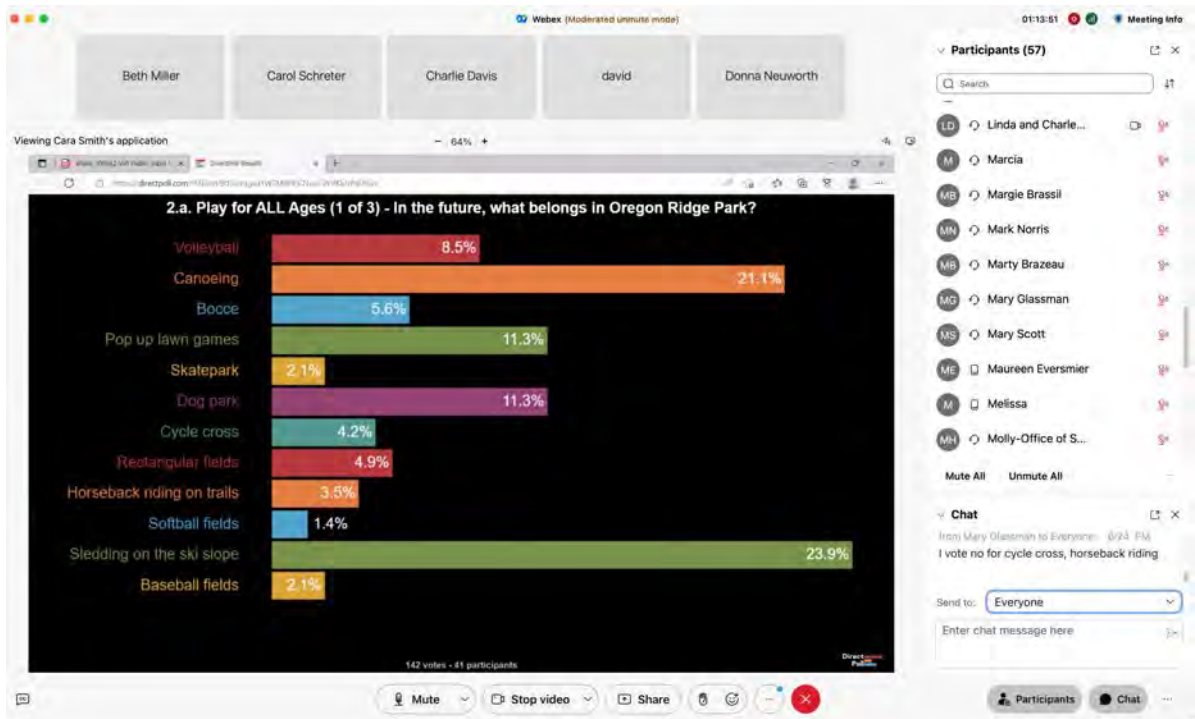
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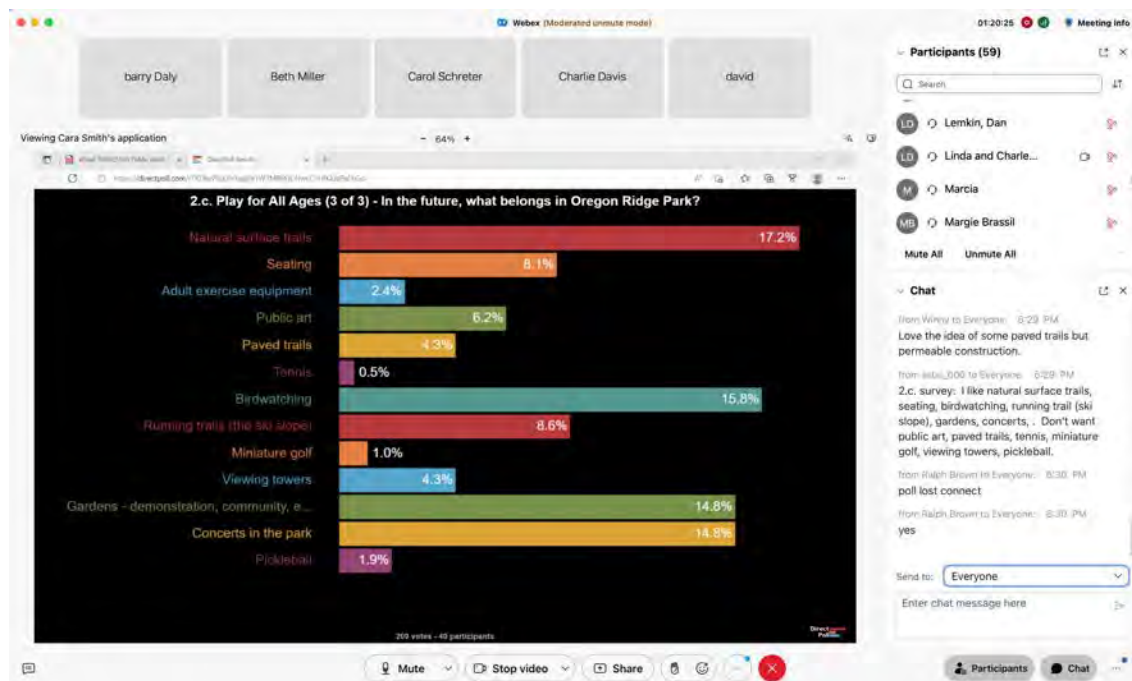
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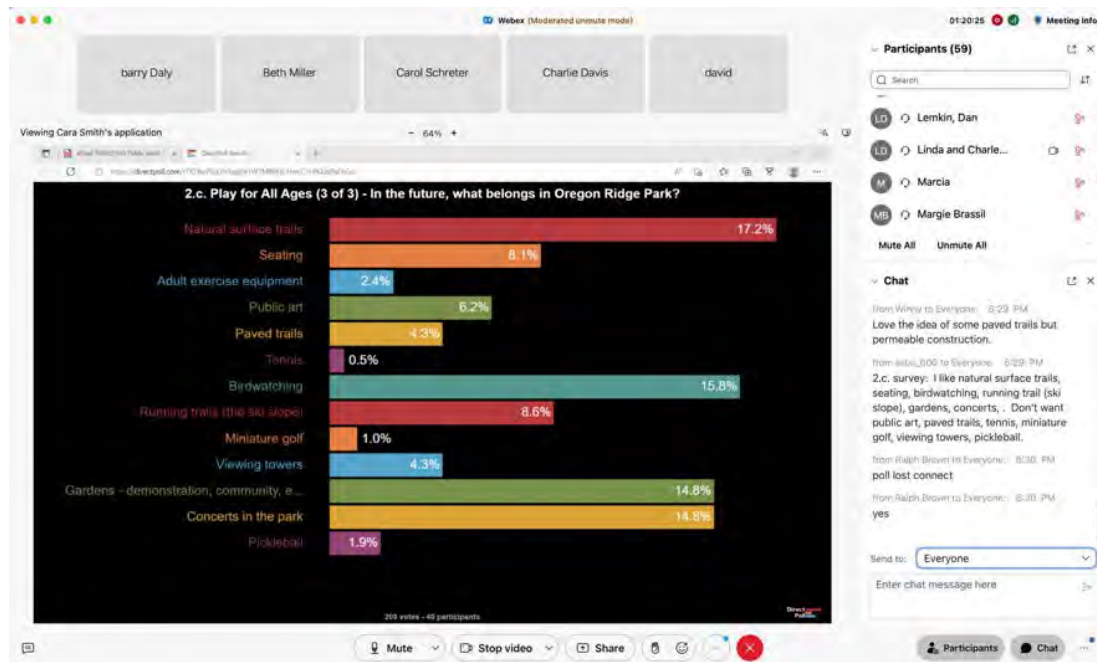
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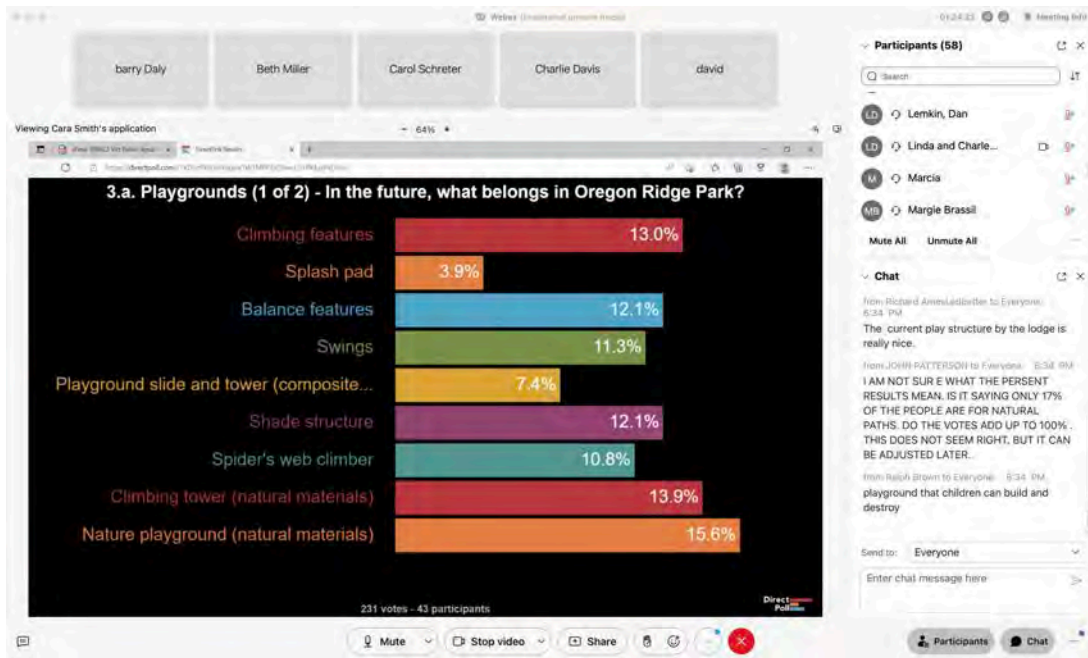
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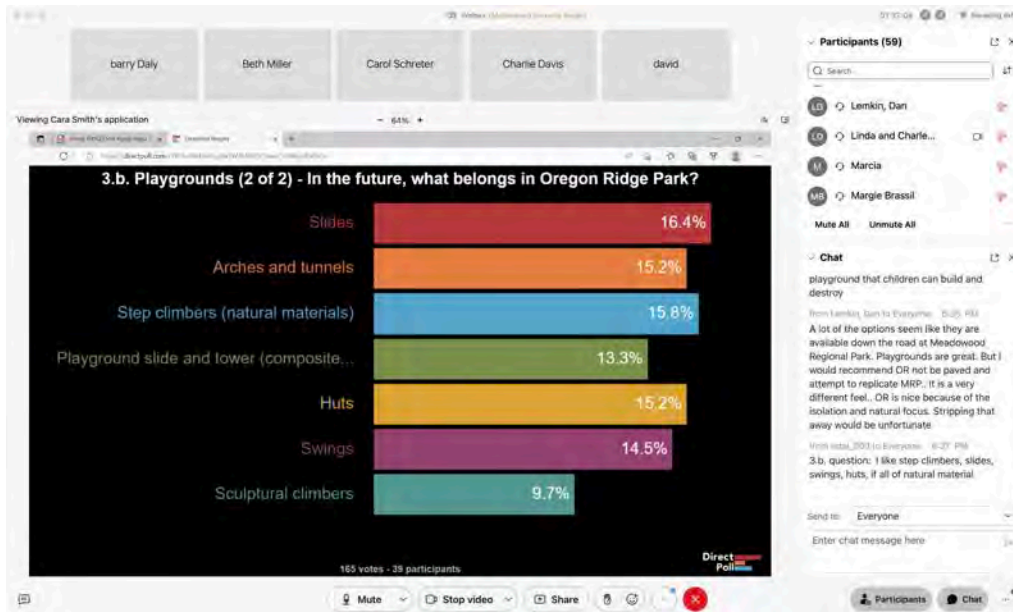
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- Nature playground (natural materials)



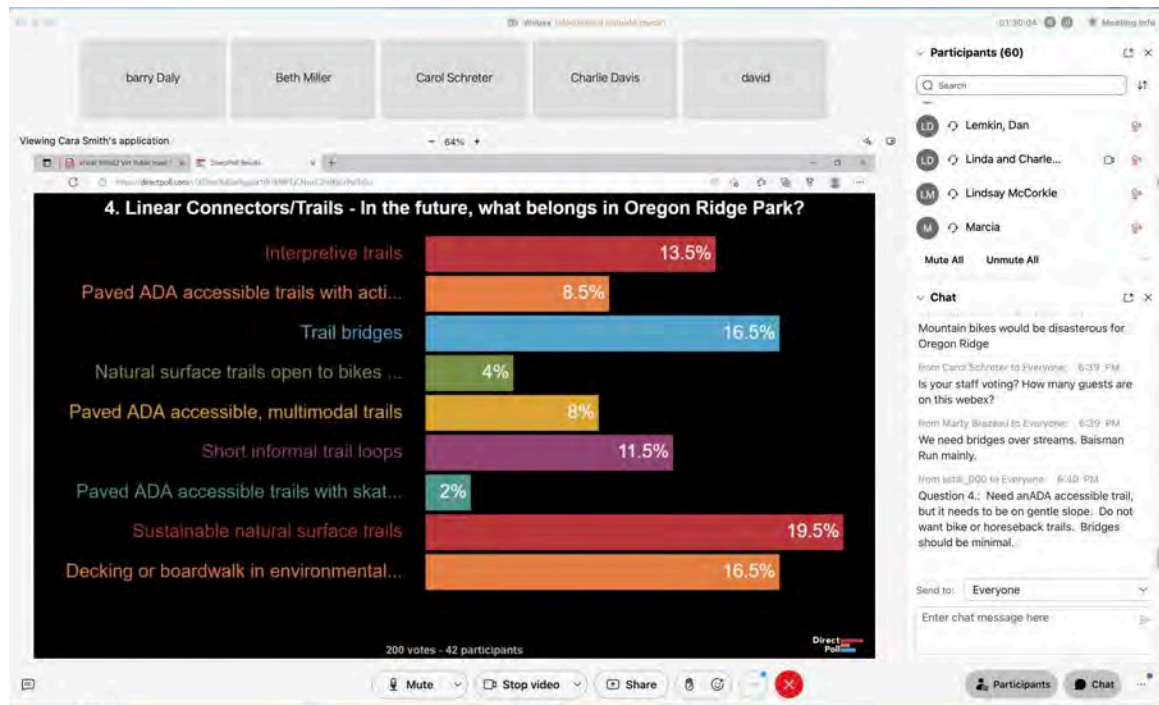
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- Slides
- Arches and tunnels
- Step climbers (natural materials)
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- Huts
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- Sculptural climbers



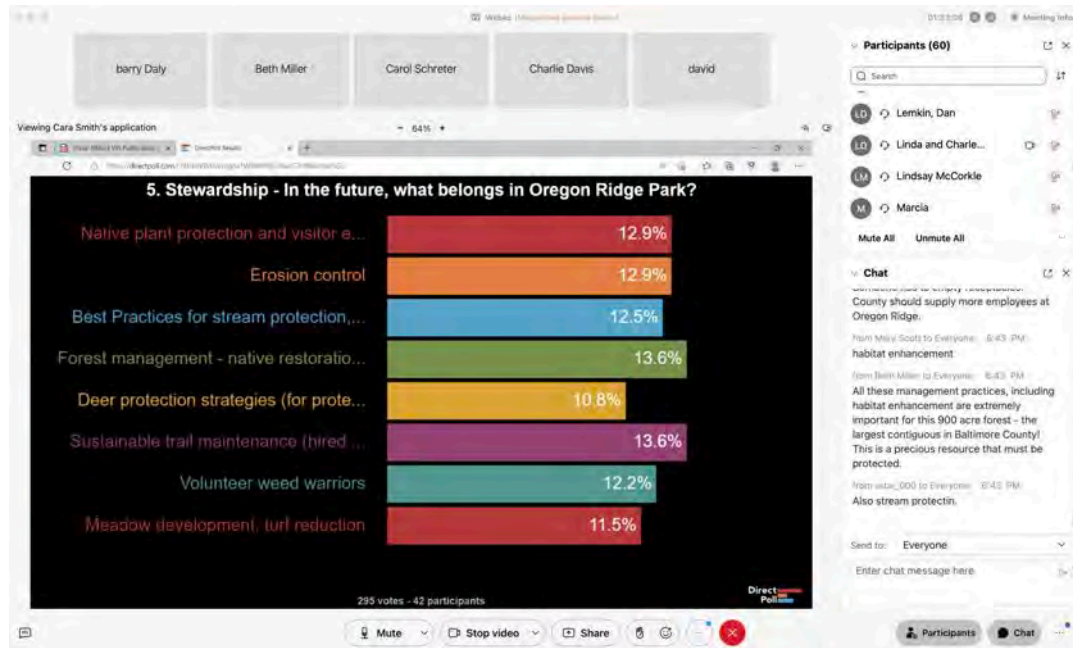
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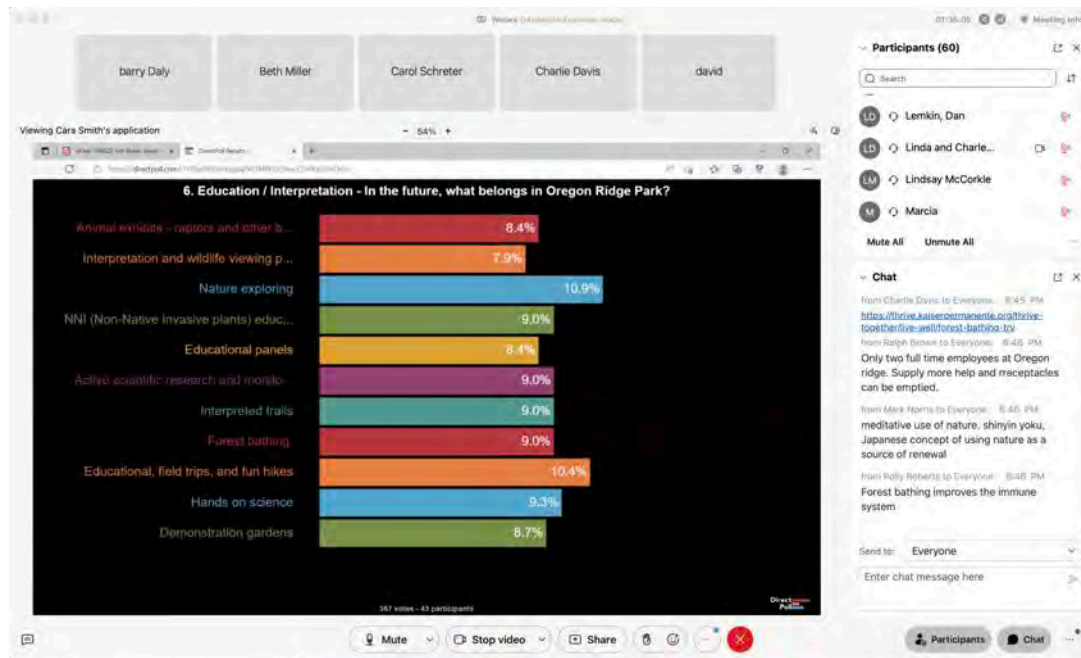
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Discussion Following Survey

- Council Member Kach
 - Reminder that this is a very sensitive area: no public sewer and no public water available; no large roads or road widening will happen in this area
 - Lake at park is 40 feet deep in the middle, very dangerous; child drowned in the lake (reason for closure)
- Judy Fulton, Native Plant Society representative
 - Real treasure in Baltimore County
 - One of the only parks that hasn't been developed and contains natural trails, protected Class III trout stream
 - Concerned about damage to trails from horses or bikes
 - Introduce invasive plants
 - Native plants are beneficial
 - In favor of improvements to trails – stay as natural as possible
- Marty Brazeau
 - Change to forest – the harvest of the white oaks and other oaks to open forests, but opened the area up instead for invasive plants – deer ate any acorns, so no natural oak regeneration or replanting happened; today that area is mostly tulip poplar monoculture
 - Spend budget to reintroduce oak and white oak specifically
 - Reduce deer population
 - Reintroduce oak forest
- Beth Miller
 - Don't have a Department of Parks Mission Statement that includes protecting natural features, habitat and climate resilience, enough physical well being
 - Preserve as a nature park, don't want the word development
 - Do not want monetization of the park – not the mission of parks

Roslyn Johnson shared recently updated Department Mission Statement at this point

- Winny Tan
 - Habitat preservation
 - COVID – use of trails greatly increased
 - Big impact on land
 - Not enough staffing at park – need more staffing
 - Trails need to be safe for people to walk
 - Staff has to manage too many volunteers relative to number of staff available to do this oversight
 - Many dogs are off leash in the park – Winny picks up dog waste in the park
 - Issue of equitability – only way to get to the park is by private vehicle/ car; unsafe to walk to park from Light Rail station (no paved trail)
 - Need sustainability – materials being used, are materials for paving permeable; rain gardens; green features
- William Intner
 - Mountain biking – difference between biking and equestrian use
 - Trail design is the issue vs biking use that leads to erosion
 - Active mountain biking groups very willing to assist with trail management
 - Get kids outdoors
- Stuart Stainmon
 - 1970s quarry open for swimming
 - Missing opportunity to swim
 - Reconsider opening the quarry for swimming
 - Utility rights-of-way (ROW) have not seen anything w/utility ROW for tree plantings or meadow / wildflowers in corridors
 - Artwork – if added to the park – in the Valley near the Lodge and the Nature Center and Playgrounds

- Joseph Millman
 - Need more spaces, need for outdoor spaces
 - Mountain biking – separate trail section
 - COVID – mountain biking – positive for children’s mental health
 - Patterson Park all girl’s mountain bike club – when reconvened after COVID, one young woman burst into tears (joy) for being out in the park again and riding
 - Need to expose more kids to the outdoors
 - Hiking/ biking MORE trails volunteers – once built in sustainable trail system MORE members continue to take care of them
 - MORE has 1900 members, contributed 16,000 volunteer hours on 70 different trails
- Ralph Brown, Oregon Ridge Natural Council President
 - Staffing needs in the park – 2 fulltime employees in total in the park [*Director Johnson corrected that statement – there are 4 total: 2 at Lodge and 2 at Nature Center*] is not adequate staffing for needs of the park – including receptacle emptying – staff does not have time to do this; more staffing is needed
 - Trails condition – ORNC trying to improve the trails; have a \$50,000 grant from County and are currently on hold to use it – would like permission to move forward and spend the money on trail improvements now
 - \$50,000 grant for woodland gardens in hand – also would like to receive permission to go ahead and spend that grant now – they know where they want to put the garden
 - Park has 7 miles of developed trail; average mountain biker travels 30-45 miles in one expedition
- Linda Davis
 - Mountain bike research – negative impacts on wet trails, damage on uphill and down hills, create informal and rogue trails
 - Damages from mountain bikers to tree trunks, rocks, adjacent area of trail
 - Extensive educational use of the park – likewise recreational opportunity of parks – little people to postgraduate are students in the park
- Jonah Intner
 - Mountain biking – just returned from practice – stayed off trails because it is wet; would like trails at Oregon Ridge
- Deborah Spice Kleinman, Greater Baltimore Group of Sierra Club
 - Past high rope and low rope teacher; sung at Music in the Woods at ORP
 - Mountain biking is fun but would damage trails, people will have to get out of the way of bikes if hiking
 - ORP is a quiet place, place for education
 - Don’t want to turn it into Cabin John or Wheaton Regional Parks
 - Forest is the key
 - Leave it as natural as possible
- Mary Glassman
 - Former teacher in Baltimore County, worked at Padonia
 - ORP is often the first exposure students from that school have to nature

Chat Archive

from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 5:41 PM

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from Bob F Smith to Everyone: 5:41 PM

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from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 5:42 PM

Above is the link for our in-session poll and the project website for more information

from David ODell to Everyone: 6:05 PM

add your name here if you would like to speak during the meeting

from Margie Brassil to Everyone: 6:06 PM

Margie Brassil here representing Delegate Dana Stein

from Drew Emmer to Everyone: 6:07 PM

Please make sure to write your name as it is shown at the top of your participants list so we can find you to unmute

from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 6:12 PM

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from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 6:14 PM

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from Drew Emmer to Everyone: 6:16 PM

when you put your name in the chat please make sure it goes out to "Everyone"

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:19 PM

I am having trouble knowing how to vote. Question 1 I approve all except plaza meeting

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:23 PM

#2. I like all except cycle cross, softball fields, baseball fields, horseback riding,

from Mary Glassman to Everyone: 6:24 PM

I vote no for cycle cross, horseback riding

from Beth Miller to Everyone: 6:24 PM

Play for all ages should include hiking, birding and archery

from Lemkin, Dan to Everyone: 6:24 PM

Concern about horse and bikes on hiking trails. The paths are already very muddy for extended periods after rain.. These additions would result in large ruts and degradation of the paths making them unpleasant to hike.. if entertaining biking and horses, should create dedicated trails to preserve hiking experience for others.

from Eric Rockel to Everyone: 6:26 PM

I share those concerns about overburdening the existing trails

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:26 PM

What is a pump track?

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:26 PM

question 2.b. I like open lawn, adult exercise equip. comm. garden, fishing at quarry, horse shoes. Do not like pumptrack, splash pad, viewing tower, paved trails, bike riding.

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 6:27 PM

The survey won't let me reject all options. It won't let me vote with nothing checked

from Joseph Millman to Everyone: 6:27 PM

Dan and Eric, I agree we should have hiking specific trails and biking specific trails. Great idea

from Drew Emmer to Everyone: 6:28 PM

A pump track is a looped sequence of rollers and berms—swoopy, banked turns—for bike riders. It's designed to maximize your momentum, so you can ride it with minimal pedaling.

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:29 PM

How can you not have birdwatching? Would you ban it?

from Winny to Everyone: 6:29 PM

Love the idea of some paved trails but permeable construction.

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:29 PM

2.c. survey: I like natural surface trails, seating, birdwatching, running trail (ski slope), gardens, concerts, . Don't want public art, paved trails, tennis, miniature golf, viewing towers, pickleball.

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:30 PM

poll lost connect

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:30 PM

yes

from Beth Miller to Everyone: 6:31 PM

I am finding the survey difficult to respond to because I would not be in favor of any activity that would harm or remove existing habitat - forest, meadow, stream, etc.

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:31 PM

still cannot get in

from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 6:31 PM

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here is the poll link again

from Jaron Shaul to Everyone: 6:33 PM

Whatever playground design is finalized, Shade is a must-have!

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:33 PM

question 3.a. Playground. I like climbing features, balance features, spider web limber, nature playground, climbingtower (natural material)

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 6:34 PM

I officially represent the Maryland Native Plant Society, both the Board and over 2000 members. We are against bike trails because of the damage caused by the bikes, including introduction of invasive plants

from Kim Pause Tucker Gunpowder Valley Conservancy to Everyone: 6:34 PM

The splash pad sounds fun but is only usable for a small time of year and would take up a lot of space.

from Richard AmesLedbetter to Everyone: 6:34 PM

The current play structure by the lodge is really nice.

from JOHN PATTERSON to Everyone: 6:34 PM

I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE PERCENT RESULTS MEAN. IS IT SAYING ONLY 17% OF THE PEOPLE ARE FOR NATURAL PATHS. DO THE VOTES ADD UP TO 100% . THIS DOES NOT SEEM RIGHT. BUT IT CAN BE ADJUSTED LATER.

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:34 PM

playground that children can build and destroy

from Lemkin, Dan to Everyone: 6:35 PM

A lot of the options seem like they are available down the road at Meadowood Regional Park. Playgrounds are great. But I would recommend OR not be paved and attempt to replicate MRP.. It is a very different feel.. OR is nice because of the isolation and natural focus. Stripping that away would be unfortunate

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:37 PM

3.b. question: I like step climbers, slides, swings, huts, if all of natural material

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:38 PM

Mountain bikes would be disasterous for Oregon Ridge

from Carol Schreter to Everyone: 6:39 PM

Is your staff voting? How many guests are on this webex?

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:39 PM

We need bridges over streams. Baisman Run mainly.

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:40 PM

Question 4.: Need anADA accessible trail, but it needs to be on gentle slope. Do not want bike or horseback trails. Bridges should be minimal.

from JOHN PATTERSON to Everyone: 6:40 PM

I CANT RELOAD ALL OF THE SUDDEN. I AM AGAINST BIKES SKATEBOARDS ONLY
NATUARL ITERPRETIVE TRAILS

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:41 PM

bridges over streams should be of minimal design.

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Oregon Ridge Council votes yes on all.

from Hugh Simmons to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Habitat enhancement is not on the list

from Lemkin, Dan to Everyone: 6:42 PM

throwing in an ask.. trash receptacles at a couple of places along the trails. Pain to carry dog poop for > mile. Absence of receptacles discourages compliant behavior.

from Nancy to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Habitat enhancement

from Kathy Kahler Lambrow to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Habitat Enhancement as well

from Lindsay McCorkle to Everyone: 6:42 PM

what about invasive species management?

from Charlie Davis to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Habitat enhancement

from JOHN PATTERSON to Everyone: 6:42 PM

HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

from Hugh Simmons to Everyone: 6:42 PM

For habitat enhancement

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Please continue deer management in the park.

from Kim Pause Tucker Gunpowder Valley Conservancy to Everyone: 6:42 PM

agree with habitat enhancement

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:42 PM

We need to re plant oak trees that were cut down on the ridge.

from Winny to Everyone: 6:42 PM

habitat enhancement

from Margie Brassil to Everyone: 6:42 PM

Habitat enhancement

from Marcia to Everyone: 6:43 PM

For habitat enhancement

from Mary Glassman to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Yes, please count me in for habitat enhancement.

from Lindsay McCorkle to Everyone: 6:43 PM

forest management

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:43 PM

5. Stewardship survey: Need weed warriors, habitat enhancement, deer protection strategies.

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Our forest is changing from oak forest to a tulip tree monoculture.

from Peter Lev to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Habitat enhancement. Peter Lev

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Someone has to empty receptacles. County should supply more employees at Oregon Ridge.

from Mary Scott to Everyone: 6:43 PM

habitat enhancement

from Beth Miller to Everyone: 6:43 PM

All these management practices, including habitat enhancement are extremely important for this 900 acre forest - the largest contiguous in Baltimore County! This is a precious resource that must be protected.

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Also stream protectin.

from William Intner to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Dan Lemkin makes a great point. We should make it easier for people to comply with pet waste requirements in order to enhance compliance

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 6:43 PM

This slide is what the 2000+ members of the Maryland Native Plant Society are really in favor of

from k. patterson to Everyone: 6:43 PM

habitat enhancement

from Hugh Simmons to Everyone: 6:44 PM

What are the percentages a percentage of. What's the denominator?

from barry Daly to Everyone: 6:44 PM

There is serious erosion throughout the park that has progressively worsened over the last 20+ years. Bikers on the trails will make the problems much worse. What measures are planned to seriously address erosion ?

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:44 PM

Again, Oregon Ridge Nature

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:44 PM

What is forest bathing

from Lindsay McCorkle to Everyone: 6:44 PM

are bikers definitely permitted going forward? seems problematic from a few different ways

from Hugh Simmons to Everyone: 6:44 PM

What is forest bathing

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:45 PM

Again, Oregon Ridge supports all.

from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 6:45 PM

Similar to sun bathing

from Mary Glassman to Everyone: 6:45 PM

Forest bathing is a meditative walk through nature. No bathing involved.

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:45 PM

Question 6. I like all activities.

from Charlie Davis to Everyone: 6:45 PM

<https://thrive.kaiserpermanente.org/thrive-together/live-well/forest-bathing-try>

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 6:46 PM

Only two full time employees at Oregon ridge. Supply more help and receptacles can be emptied.

from Mark Norris to Everyone: 6:46 PM

meditative use of nature. shinyin yoku, Japanese concept of using nature as a source of renewal

from Polly Roberts to Everyone: 6:46 PM

Forest bathing improves the immune system

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 6:46 PM

Can I please talk?

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:47 PM

Marty Brazeau

from Lindsay McCorkle to Everyone: 6:48 PM

thank you Bob!

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 6:48 PM

Judy Fulton

from Mark Norris to Everyone: 6:48 PM

What are people considering as "habitat enhancement?"

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:48 PM

Is there a list of wildlife observed in the park

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:49 PM

I was not unmuted

from Beth Miller to Everyone: 6:49 PM

Beth Miller

from Drew Emmer to Everyone: 6:49 PM

Marty, You are next

from k. patterson to Everyone: 6:49 PM

Regarding the last question: Education and Interpretation are the original and continuing vision of Oregon Ridge Nature Center

from Lemkin, Dan to Everyone: 6:51 PM

+ poison ivy management adjacent to trails would be appreciated

from david to Everyone: 6:52 PM

I support Judy's comments

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:54 PM

Nothing has been mentioned about the utility ROWs. Any plans for them, e.g. tree planting, native bushes, erosion control.

from Nancy to Everyone: 6:55 PM

Oak trees support up to 2,300 species. They are kings of biodiversity

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 6:55 PM

Park needs a weed warrior group. I have never seen park rangers on the trails. Park needs more staff.

from Winny to Everyone: 6:56 PM

Winny Tan

from Kathy Kahler Lambrow to Everyone: 6:56 PM

Totally agree Beth!

from Nancy to Everyone: 6:56 PM

Agree with Beth

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 6:56 PM

I agree with you, Beth!

from Mary Glassman to Everyone: 6:56 PM

I completely agree with Beth Miller!

from Mary Scott to Everyone: 6:56 PM

In agreement with Beth's comments

from Donna Neuworth to Everyone: 6:57 PM

Totally and strongly agree with Beth and share Marty's concerns

from k. patterson to Everyone: 6:57 PM

Agree with Beth. Well said.

from Lemkin, Dan to Everyone: 6:57 PM

Agree with comments.. there are numerous parks in the county with open fields, diamonds, playgrounds, and paved paths.. Oregon Ridge should not mimic those resources and should protect nature.

from Kathy Kahler Lambrow to Everyone: 6:59 PM

Question - Will plan be reviewed with other environmental departments such as Environmental Protection and Sustainability? Will consult and approval be requested?

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 6:59 PM

We need to have a Youth Civilian Conservation Corp to plant trees, remove invasive plants.

from Beth Miller to Everyone: 7:00 PM

Connectivity for equitable use of park from public transportation is an excellent idea!

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 7:01 PM

Stuart Stainman

from Mary Glassman to Everyone: 7:01 PM

I agree with Winny about the need for additional staffing. As a former teacher and current volunteer at ORNC, I see there is a huge need for more staff to provide educational activities to teach future generations about the importance of preserving natural areas.

from William Intner to Everyone: 7:01 PM

William Intner

from JOHN PATTERSON to Everyone: 7:01 PM

It is the nature that makes this park unique. We need to invest in the nature one time and most importantly as maintenance and staff in the future.

from Joseph Millman to Everyone: 7:02 PM

joseph millman

from JOHN PATTERSON to Everyone: 7:02 PM

no more painting of trees, please

from Winny to Everyone: 7:02 PM

Gunpowder Falls and Patapsco State Parks have larger spaces with active mountain biking trails. All in Baltimore County!

from Nancy to Everyone: 7:03 PM

Agree with Winny

from Donna Neuworth to Everyone: 7:03 PM

Why Oregon ridge for the bike trails? There are so many other spaces in the County that seem more appropriate

from Winny to Everyone: 7:05 PM

preserving the historical sites

from k. patterson to Everyone: 7:07 PM

The VALUE of Oregon Ridge Park to Baltimore County and beyond is that is a rare 1000 acre natural gem. The guiding principle for the Master Plan should be: THEY AREN'T MAKING ANYMORE OF IT. Once it is cleared and built, it's gone...

from sstai_000 to Everyone: 7:09 PM

If mountain bikes are permitted, let them use the utility ROWs.

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 7:10 PM

I would like to talk

from Margie Brassil to Everyone: 7:11 PM

What's unique to Oregon Ridge? That should be the focus of the vision. There are many mountain bike trails all over the county--why here? There are plenty of sports fields around the county--why have them here? But, there are many ways to enhance what is already present in the park.

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 7:12 PM

Maintaining bike trails is fine, but what about the natural forest communities that are so important and would be negatively affected. Those are crucial for the survival of the beneficial insects and the birds

from Kathy Kahler Lambrow to Everyone: 7:12 PM

We should celebrate the unique, pristine, and quiet nature of the park - not try to make it like all other parks. Particularly not to an aggressive use like mountain biking.

from Joseph Millman to Everyone: 7:13 PM

Ralph - That is completely false!

from William Intner to Everyone: 7:14 PM

Jonah Intner on William Intner's line

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:14 PM

Linda Davis would like to speak.

from Barry Daly to Everyone: 7:14 PM

If you take a look at the Oregon Ridge map, it is notable that there are no walking trails in over 50% of the park area (on the western side). Are there any plans to develop this largely unused segment of the park? Opening up this area would allow a decrease in the concentration of traffic on the currently overused and eroded marked walking trails. There are some old forest roads in the unused section that could be redeveloped also.

from Hugh Simmons to Everyone: 7:15 PM

The damage to the trails by mountain bikes would add to the county's costs for trail maintenance.

from Joseph Millman to Everyone: 7:15 PM

Ralph - please join us at the MORE Epic this weekend and learn more about mountain bikers and how we can help you. We would love to help fix trails. I don't know any mountain bikers that could ride 50 miles :-)

from JOHN PATTERSON to Everyone: 7:16 PM

it sounds like the long term financing is the problem. The capital money in the budget needs to be spent every year on maintenance to preserve the nature. maybe the capital needs to be put into a foundation for long term spending.

from William Intner to Everyone: 7:16 PM

Drew, my son would also like to speak

from Deborah Spice Kleinmann to Everyone: 7:18 PM

I would like to speak. I am the Chair of the Greater Baltimore Group of the Sierra Club

from Marcia to Everyone: 7:18 PM

Thank you to all for this open forum, the voting was fun as well as helpful to determine the opinions and ideas of the community.

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:20 PM

from Keith Rosenstiel to Everyone: 7:21 PM

If you have to do so much maintenance on the bike trails, then it's not sustainable. Sustainable means that no maintenance is needed.

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:21 PM

People should visit Lake Roland and Loch Raven Reservoir to see the extraordinary negative impacts of mountain biking on trails.

from Joseph Millman to Everyone: 7:21 PM

Hi Linda - Your brief research is one sided and doesn't show both sides of the issue. Again, please join us at the More Epic this weekend to learn more about us and how we operate amongst the 7 major watersheds in the state of MD. I would love to have you out on one of our weekend rides to learn 1st hand about mountain biking, not learning about it through a quick search on google.

from Joseph Millman to Everyone: 7:22 PM

Keith - there is absolutely no such thing as a no maintenance trail. We fix the trails to prevent erosion

from Mary Glassman to Everyone: 7:24 PM

This is Mary Glassman and I would like to speak.

from Keith Rosenstiel to Everyone: 7:24 PM

We just made over 2 miles of sustainable hiking trails. A year later they are still entirely covered with organic material because there is zero degradation. They will never need maintenance and will last forever. THAT is a sustainable trial.

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:25 PM

Hi, Joseph. Thanks for the invitation to mountain bike. I think people should consider the research, see the negative impacts, and make up their own minds. Or visit Loch Raven reservoir property or Lake Roland and see the impacts of mountain biking.

from Carol Schreter to Everyone: 7:25 PM

What County department is responsible for CARE of the trees and trails? What County budget is that money to come from?

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:26 PM

We need an on-the-ground land manager for the Park. We need at least two full-time back-country naturalists/rangers.

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:26 PM

Please continue deer management in the Park.

from Marty Brazeau to Everyone: 7:26 PM

I agree with Charlie and Linda about land management.

from Linda and Charles Davis to Everyone: 7:27 PM

LM.davis@verizon.net - I will be glad to send the research about environmental impacts of mountain biking.

from Judy Fulton to Everyone: 7:27 PM

I agree with Linda on biking and also her comment about deer

from Ralph Brown to Everyone: 7:27 PM

Are we going to have access to the polling results.

from k. patterson to Everyone: 7:28 PM

I also agree with Linda and Charlie Davis about land management.

from Bob F Smith to Everyone: 7:28 PM

oregonridgemasterplan@baltimorecountymd.gov

from Deborah Spice Kleinmann to Everyone: 7:28 PM

Are we ending early due to no more speakers?

from Rebecca Sibinga to Everyone: 7:28 PM

You may also direct questions and concerns to the project's email address above



Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.

Oregon Ridge Park Public In-person Input Session October 8, 2022, 1- 3 PM

DRAFT MEETING NOTES Transcription from Display Boards

Attendees:

Baltimore County Staff: Roslyn Johnson, Director; Bob F. Smith, Deputy Director; Drew Emmer; David O'Dell, Annie Sanchez, Ben Porter

L/KLA Team: Elisabeth Lardner, Jim Klein, Rebecca Sibinga, Mark Burchick (ESA), Isabel Layton (CC), Gaby Roffe (CC)

Agenda

1:00 PM	Baltimore County staff member (Roslyn Johnson, Director?) to welcome attendees, encourage and thank them for their participation
1:05 PM	Elisabeth Lardner to review workshop process and desired outcome
1:15 – 3:00 PM	Staff individual tables and listen to attendees
2:45 PM	15 minute warning to wrap up
2:55 PM	Closing Remarks and Thank you, include NEXT STEPS - November 12 Concept Alternatives Public meeting at the Nature Center
3:00 PM	Close workshop

Display Boards

We are Listening

- Install solar power lighting throughout the property

Context

- Update reference to Benjamin's Choice on timeline for Recent History of ORP – this was an area further to the park's west; references in earlier 1973 plans are erroneous mentioning it as a part of the park itself (CD)
- Utility corridor to the west of the ski slope, easements found by Charlie Davis: dates to 1930, Kurtz sold it to MD Gas Trans. The easement to the south of the ski lodge dates later than the 30's, Charlie Davis has not found any documentation on it.
- Charlie has plats from the 1700's on the land allocation – two smaller triangles in the northern portion of the park; large triangle on the southern side across what was ivy forest
- Acquisitions map – area shown in blue on that is the Ivy Hill Forest (incorrectly shown on the map at the top of the board where the label is Ivy Hill Forest (or that label is misleading as it likely is not intended to indicate the property lines, but that is how it is being seen by viewer and that area is much larger than the actual Ivy Hill Forest plat shown in blue on the lower acquisitions map)
- Question on the acreage number shown on the pink area on the Acquisitions map – what is the source of that and other acreages shown on this map? The 438 acre figure – is that from current GIS data or old parcel info? If old parcel info, it may be incorrect – as there originally was a triangular piece of property across Beaver Dam Road as a part of that acquisition, but the County sold it to keep the park land on the other side of Beaver Dam Road (Charlie Davis source).
- Who owns the parcel at the southeast corner of the yellow 200 acre parcel? Could that be purchased as an access point for that area of the park?

Built Areas – Cuba Road

- Cuba Road African American community history (as recently as 1980's/ 1990's; history tied back to working in the ore pits across Shawan Road)
- Do whatever over here – across Shawan Road
- Comment on Cuba Road Fields board – multiple stickers, but all one hand and related messages:
 - ADD FOCUS GROUPS
 - Please add focus group input – conversations to draw out the beauty and essence of how people enjoy the park
 - By garnering the love of the park by visitors can help reveal its potential – and help shape future plans
 - There are easy ways to attract a wide range of people of all backgrounds and circumstances to fully using the park without divisive EDi methods
 - Please take care to not make change for change sake – or make too much change. Adams Co. PA's Apple Harvest Festival changed in 1980s from 5,000 people to 50,000 – parking in cornfield, bussed in on school buses – charming festival became overcrowded mass of people
 - Please keep the park focused on nature, tranquility, a spiritual experience – not an amusement park experience (*separate entry added to this sticky: 'Well Said!'*)
 - Please do not spend money without thinking things through. Just because grant funding is available – don't react to the loudest voices. Think before acting.

Built Areas – Nature Center

- Nature playground and animal enclosures are my sons' (4 and 2) favorite part of the park. We would love to see them maintained/ expanded. Nature Center is great but needs renovation.
- I come to the park to see the nature in Maryland
- Sketch on plan of desired location of Woodland Garden

Built Areas – Quarry

- No comments received

Built Areas – The Lodge

- How often do utilities clear their easement?

Natural Features

- What is status of prior deer exclosure that allowed understory to regenerate?
- Is it possible to institute a roving set of exclosures to allow natural re-growth?
- I have asked before that someone call Mark Staley Central MD fisheries biologist to learn more on the trout populations throughout the 3 primary streams (certainly Baisman Run). These cold water resources are very sensitive resources and definitely not something we can mitigate for. Any increase in erosion or other negative effects will definitely be a major threat to these resources. Mark's info is: Mark.staley@maryland.gov Brian Bernstein, Trout Unlimited
- Continue deer management! Hire Natl Resource manager, Linda Davis
- Be careful with the use of weed killers as, if used at too high a level, the groundwater may become contaminated and drain into the waterways.
- Japanese knotweed may also be harvested and turned into a product or sold to supplement

compounders instead of being destroyed wholesale. Its oftentimes better to work with what the environment provides instead of waging war against it.

- County needs to budget \$\$\$ for forest conservation and professional management.
- Will plan be finalized with input from Dept of Environ and Sustainability
- The Guiding Principle when deciding the Master Plan should be: THEY AREN'T MAKING ANYMORE OF IT! 1000 acres of Piedmont habitats is the rare (and getting rarer) and a gem in Baltimore County
- This is the crux of the Master Plan. What is the mission of Oregon Ridge? It is a nature park and we need Baltimore County to commit to that. All else flows from that commitment.
- The meadow areas already support biodiversity with a variety of birds, butterflies and other pollinators. It could be upgraded and managed – but not manicured – and become even more of an area of interest for visitors, programs and school groups.
- Please continue deer management. Thx!
- Please PRESERVE intact forest parcels. Do NOT allow bikes or mountain bikes into sensitive areas.
- This park needs a Natural Resource Manager w/ ecological maintenance staff
- This park needs a Natural Resources Budget
- We need a specific “Wildflower Area” that is clearly marked as a TRAIL and managed. Focus on Spring wildflowers of BloodRoot, Trilliums, BellWort, Pagonia Orchids, etc. !! It needs to be maintained and not overridden with aggressive species. Near the Lodge would be great so the NATURALIST ON DUTY can maintained.
- The trails need to updated and a few made available for the disabled. As a Life Time Member I have seen the focus change away from the naturalist and more towards usage for children which I disagree. Maria Zickuhr, Life Time Member of Oregon Ridge
- The park needs to plant oak trees. Need to hire a Natural Resource Manager. Budget \$\$ for the park!
- Yes, needs a Natural Resource Manager
- Provide vital msg to ensure long term County investment in ecosystems and operating
- Keep Mt bikes and horses out of the park – multiuse trails sound good but don't work. Mountain bikers negatively impact natural systems because they:
 - Create informal trails and install jumps and launches
 - Use natural objects (rocks) and plants (tree trunks) to launch into air
 - Target streams for thrills and splashes – race through streams and down them
 - We need to protect our pristine, rare streams in the Park and our vernal pools
 - Evidence of those behaviors are everywhere in Gunpowder (and Little Gunpowder) State Parks, Lake Roland, and Loch Raven Reservoir property. Every local mt bike club has websites, webpages, blogs that feature and highlight and celebrate these behaviors
 - Horses tear up streams when they walk in or near them; Runoff from their urine and excrement pollute streams

Hydrology/ Soils/ Geology Maps from Natural Resource Display Board

- Big green dot on “ the park will benefit from the development of a park specific Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP)
- NNI program needs dedicated staff and a cadre of trained volunteers to implement
- NRMP needs a short and long-term implementation plan including milestones; and review and revision cycle

Notes / Verbal Comments Received by Mark Burchick, ESA

- A request to expand meadow development throughout the park and utility rights-of-way
- The need to hire a natural resources manager, support staff and dedicated equipment such as UTV and forestry mower
- The development of an integrated natural resources management plan
- Develop a revised, updated trail guide map
- Protect forest interior habitat
- Parking for the Baisman Run trail in the south end of the park
- Interplanting of wildflower aggregates along trails
- Manage the deer population on an on-going basis to promote forest ground layer
- Prepare an overarching mission statement that the park is to be managed as a natural area, first and foremost
- Dedicate cyclical and project monies in support of natural resources programs
- Make sure priority issues are addressed in the master plan, so that documentation can support park operations
- Keep Baltimore County politicians from asserting themselves when they are not consistent with maintaining the park as a natural area
- Do not succumb to the pressure to allow ball fields, bikes and horses
- Start managing specific unit areas for non-native invasive plants
- Perform timber management operations, such a timber stand thinning and interplanting of favorable hardwoods
- Power wash the painted trees at the nature center
- Create more vernal pools and small open water bodies
- Provide thermal closure shrub and tree planting of Baisman Run through the gas main ROW's
- Stock the quarry pond and allow fishing
- Develop a repository for natural history observations
- Create habitat features such as nesting boxes, pollinator meadows, pools, ponds, snags to make wildlife observation more likely
- Plant a new American chestnut hybrid grove

Circulation

- Consider adding more of events if parking crowded already – Don't need larger events necessarily or more people in park if crowded
- It's okay to have separate access to Nature Center and Lodge, most people don't go to both on same day
- Please don't cut down forest, trees
- Boardwalk and marsh missed interpretation at Quarry Lake when rocks added to beach edge (add boardwalk where beach once was)
- Pond at Nature Center not shown on map (if Center moves, need pond that is visible indoors and adjacent to center) [Master Naturalist rescued current pond/ NC Volunteer]
- Need access to park from other than car – better connections – safe!
- Need more cycling infrastructure
- Good idea to add paved trail access from Light Rail
- Beaver Dam – rush hour northbound traffic
- Intersection of Kurtz Lane and Beaver Dam – hairy to turn out of Kurtz Road onto Beaver Dam
- Multi-use is an illusion. Bikes don't belong in park
- Wildflower area trail and naturalist (near Orchid area) stay on trail education (maintenance and education)
- Don't 'OVERFIX' TRAILS

- Trout streams a) Baisman Run – protection impact on cold water; b) Oregon Run; c) third stream also
- Concern regarding mix of bike - walkers/jogger use is hard to manage
- Please conserve contiguous forest – no development in existing forest
- Safety – remote places in the park; need remote location for calling for help; how to access remote areas
- Fundraising – how to pay?
- Move signs for trail
- Live in County. Enjoy hiking and mountain bike. No close area to bike that are legal. Bikers are courteous and want areas to recreate too. Shouldn't have to drive 40 minutes when we pay taxes and live here.

Trail Network

- No bike trails
- No mixed use of trails
- Better support for maintenance of trails
- Conserve area for clean/safe water for Baltimore City /County.
- Maintain XXXXX (olde?) forest as nature preserve, natural trails only, hiking
- Continue/ maintain all of areas of Oregon Ridge Park – all natural earth trails, no biking
- What determines if a trail is made ADA?
- Expand trail system forest friendly
- Close/ Manage rogue trails social trails
- Reduce invasive plants
- Please keep lake trail open and natural
- Please keep red trail open (and natural); Best trail and we use always when we hike here. Awesome views at top of ridge.
- Protect water/ streams on west side of park
- A new trail on western side of park
- No bike trails on west side of park
- Please keep Ivy Hill pond and trail natural accessible, natural earth hiking trail

Trail Conditions

- Bridges for safety and accessibility
- Bridges to protect streams (4 big green dots next to image of Baisman Run)
- No zip lines!
- Senior and handicap accessible trails
- Please restore and reopen the Green Virginia Pine Trail. This was my son's Eagle Scout project in 2008 (the lower part).
- DO NOT CLOSE the Orange Trail. It is the only challenging trail in the park. (1 big green dot)
- Love the Lake Trail – great spot for photography – please keep natural. Love benches (natural) near lake, in woods, already there
- Keep mountain bikes off trails
- No multi-use trails
- Add staff to do trail maintenance; not just rely on volunteers (1 small green dot)
- Staff for trail maintenance. Trails are great but need a lot of work. Bikes and horses will make it worse.

- Widen and design as accessible nature trail and wildflower trail (indicating current Iron Mine Trail)
- Keep trails that require balance and stamina to hike
- Can we build sustainable ways to cross without a bridge for stream access?
- Yellow trail reroute was completed last week

Park Areas Key Map

- *EL side note: Add label (on some slides but missed on this one) to undeveloped areas of park per this comment received: 'Forests and unmown fields are program areas too!'*

Playground Boards at Make A Playground Station

3.a. Playgrounds

- Yes! on balance features (natural/organic materials)
- Green big dot on Nature Playground (natural materials)
- Splash pad!
- Swings – wood - Yes

3.b. Playgrounds

- Green sticker / sticky on image of step climbers (natural materials)
- Keep kid's parks looking natural!
- Metal slides get too hot without sun shade
- Any of these (images on 3.b. Playgrounds) could be appropriate for a recreation area. Focus should be on existing mowed spaces, not new recreation space.
- All of these are cool, just consider some way to provide shade
- Enhancements for Cuba Road are for families attending organized sports.
- Sculptural climbers (lower right hand image) Yes! And separate sticker – this would be a great addition

Image Boards

Introduction Sheet

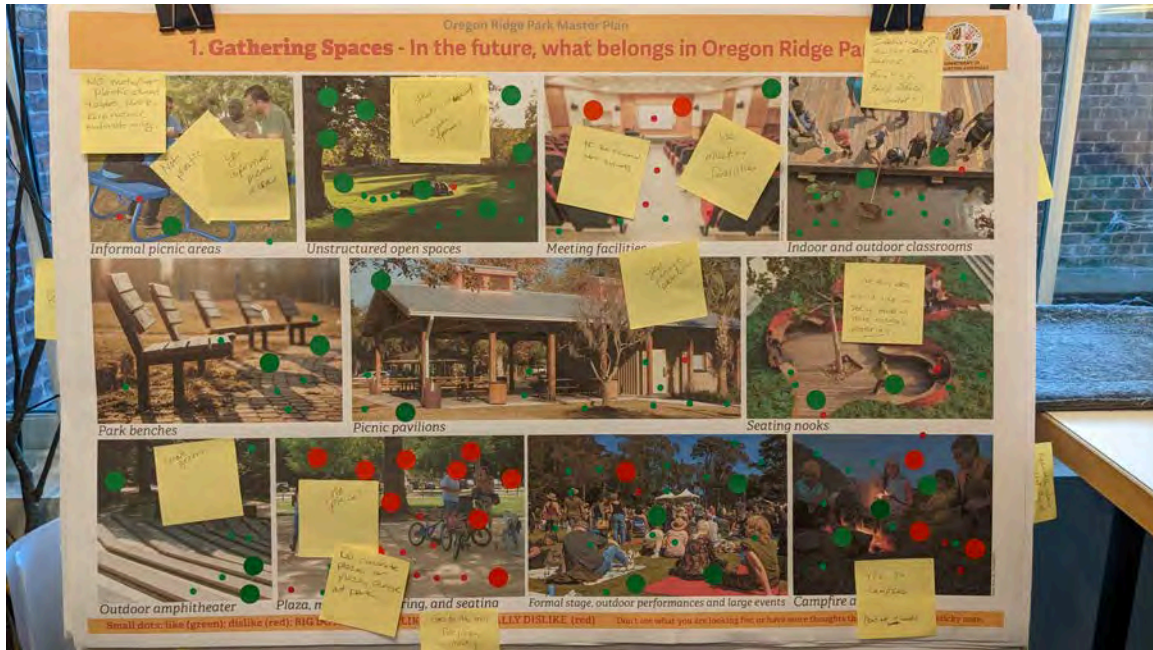


Each attendee was given 5 big dots (red and green) and 10 small dots (red and green) upon signing in at the meeting. If people used up their dots, they were asked to leave notes with stickies on the image boards. Most attendees played by the rules.

ADD REBECCA COMMENTS – back pocket

- Tulip and daffodils!
 - Bulb planting
- Azaleas
- Disc golf course

1. Gathering Spaces



- **Informal picnic areas image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots
 - 2 small red dots

Stickies

 - *Yes informal picnic areas*
 - *Not plastic*
 - *No metal or plastic colored tables please. Keep natural materials only.*
- **Unstructured open spaces image**
 - 9 large green dots
 - 9 small green dots
 - 1 small red dots

Stickies

 - *Yes, unstructured open spaces*
 - *Big Green*
 - *++ Keep a core function of park!*
- **Meeting facilities image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 3 small green dots
 - 3 large red dots
 - 6 small red dots

Stickies

 - *Yes meeting facilities*
 - *If for education, not business*
- **Indoor and outdoor classrooms image**

- 2 large green dots
- 10 small green dots
- 1 small red dots

Stickies

- *Graduated wooden (resin) seating in front of band shell (rental?)*

- **Park benches image**

- 2 large green dots
- 6 small green dots

- **Picnic pavilions image**

- 2 large green dots
- 10 small green dots
- 1 small red dots

Stickies

- *Yes picnic pavilions*

- **Seating nooks image**

- 2 large green dots
- 5 small green dots
- 3 small red dots

Stickies

- *Like this idea, would like to see it made w/ more natural materials*

- **Outdoor amphitheater image**

- 3 large green dots
- 5 small green dots

Stickies

- *Small green*

- **Plaza, meeting, gathering, and seating image**

- 1 large green dots
- 4 small green dots
- 11 large red dots
- 9 small red dots

Stickies

- *Go to the mall for plaza, meeting, not park*
- *No concrete plaza or plaza please at park*
- *No 'plaza'*

- **Formal stage, outdoor performances, and large events image**

- 4 large green dots
- 14 small green dots
- 1 large red dots
- 1 small red dots

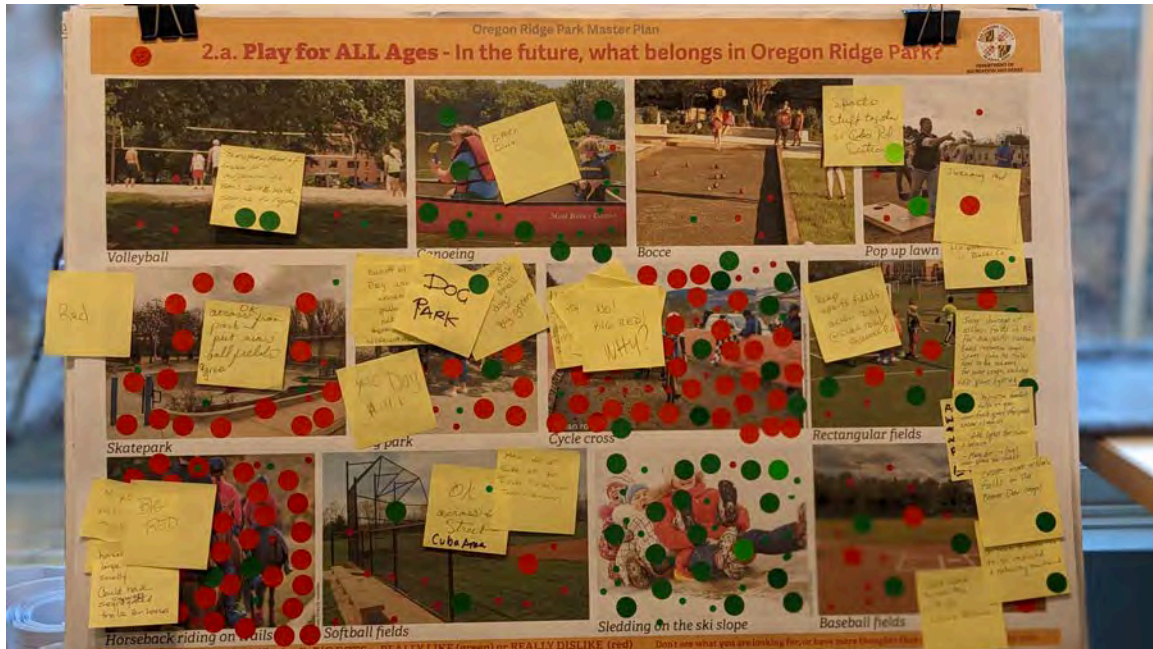
- **Campfire area image**

- 3 large green dots
- 7 small green dots
- 3 large red dots
- 3 small red dots

Stickies

- *Yes to camping*
- *But not in woods*

2.a. Play for All Ages



- Big red dot 'on all of these'
- **Volleyball image**
 - 1 small green dot
 - 4 small red dots

Sticky: Transform part of lower hill adjoining to band shell with seating to replace hill (2 large green dots on sticky)
- **Canoeing image**
 - 8 big green dots
 - 9 small green dots
 - 1 small red dot

Sticky: green and green added as notes
- **Bocce image**
 - 1 small green dot
 - 4 small red dots
- **Pop up lawn games image (cornhole)**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 1 large red dot
 - 6 small red dots

Sticky: 1 large red dot – swimming pool
Sticky: 1 large and 1 small green dot – bring back swimming, no place to swim in Balto Co
Sticky: 1 large green dot - Sports stuff together at Cuba Road section
- **Skatepark image**
 - 5 small green dots
 - 17 large red dots
 - 2 small red dots

Stickies:

 - 1 'red'
 - OK across from park near ballfields + second comment 'agree'
- **Dog park image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 5 small green dots

- 7 large red dots
- 6 small red dots

Stickies:

- 1 'large green dot'
- *Runoff of dog urine and excrement pollutes natural systems: streams, vernal pools, No concentration of pets!*
- "Red"
- *Fenced area w/ bags of trash; separate large and small dogs – 'big/large green dot'*
- *Yes dog park*

- **Cycle cross image**

- 9 large green dots
- 3 small green dots
- 31 large red dots
- 11 small red dots

Stickies

- *No! Big Red! WHY?*
- *Red*
- *These races tear up the course – treat park as racetrack not habitat with vital natural systems*
- *I was confused – biking in fields as it currently happens is fine – this wasn't clear*
- *ABSOLUTELY – This is an amazing sport that will help the FUTURE of this park*

- **Rectangular fields image**

- 7 large green dots
- 1 small green dot
- 6 large red dots
- 5 small red dots

Stickies

- *Severe shortage of athletic fields in BC for non-profit community based recreation council sports. Cuba Rd fields need to be enhanced. For more usage, including LED sports lighting – reposition baseball fields to open more field space for youth soccer and lacrosse – add lights for soccer and lacrosse – move dirt to level more spaces for fields create more fields on the Beaver Dam campus*
- *Keep sports fields across road @ Cuba Road/ Shawan Road*
- *Any of these would be acceptable additions to areas already filled with picnic tables + pavilions No NEW NATURAL AREAS! [Editorial interpretation – intent is no new recreation areas in natural areas – do not remove existing natural areas to make these spaces]*

- **Horseback riding on trails image**

- 2 large green dots
- 7 small green dots
- 38 large red dots
- 7 small red dots

Stickies

- *Big red*
- *Horses are large and smelly – could have separate segregated trails for horses*
- *No place to park horse trailers*
- *Red*

- **Softball fields image**

- 2 large green dots
- 2 large red dots

- 11 small red dots

Stickies

- *Make use of Cuba Road for sports fields and other high traffic activities*
- *Ok across the street – Cuba Area – small green dot*

- **Sledding on ski hill image**

- 18 large green dots
- 20 small green dots
- 1 small red dot

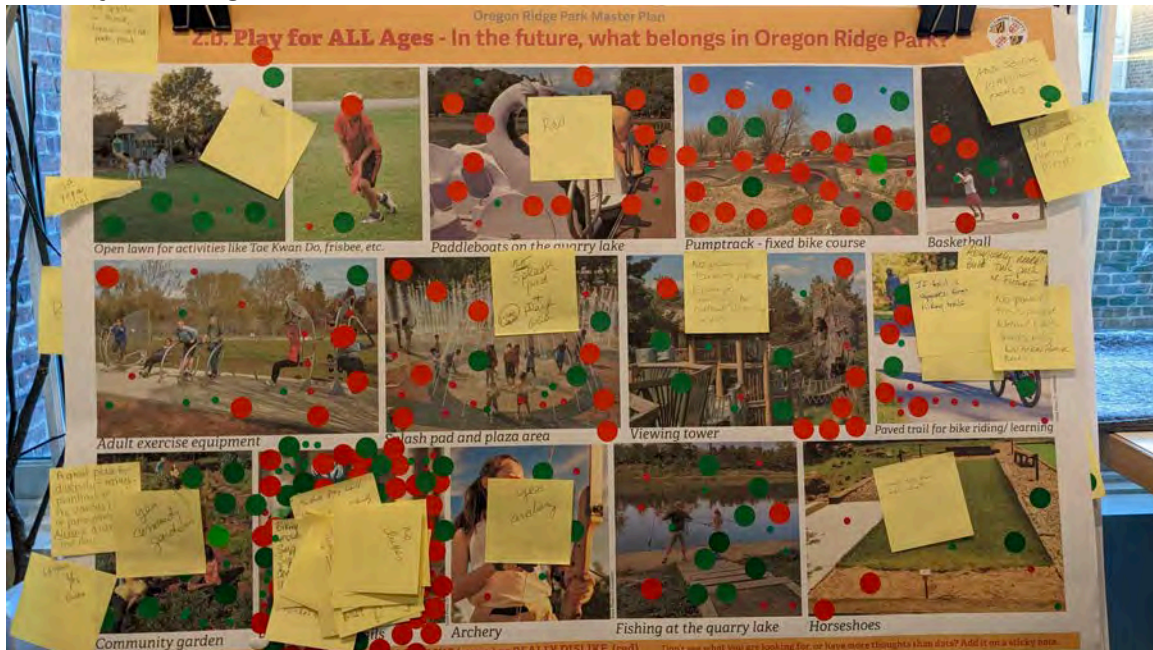
- **Baseball fields image**

- 4 large green dots
- 5 large red dots
- 10 small red dots

Stickies

- *Keep these across the street at Cuba and Shawan*
- *Adopt policies that reduce harsh impacts on the trails and allow them to be improved and naturally maintained*

2.b. Play for All Ages



- **Open lawn for activities like Tae Kwan Do, frisbee, etc. image**

- 6 large green dots
- 3 small green dots
- 2 large red dots
- 1 small red dot

Stickies

- *If yoga included*
- *Yes*
- *No sports w forest, streams, vernal pools, pond*

- **Paddleboats on the quarry lake image**

- 4 small green dots
- 11 large red dots
- 2 small red dots

Stickies

- *Red*
- **Pumptrack – fixed bike course image**

- 7 large green dots
- 19 large red dots
- 2 small green dots
- 6 small red dots

- **Basketball image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 2 small green dots
 - 4 large red dots
 - 4 small red dots

Stickies

- *Add senior walking trails - 1 small green and 1 large green dot on sticky*
- *No sports facilities in natural areas please*

- **Adult exercise equipment image**

- 1 large green dots
- 5 small green dots
- 6 large red dots
- 7 small red dots

- **Splash pad and plaza area**

- 4 large green dots
- 3 small green dots
- 8 large red dots
- 10 small red dots

Stickies

- *No splash pad + plaza area (added note 'agree NO')*

- **Viewing tower image**

- 4 large green dots
- 4 small green dots
- 7 large red dots
- 2 small red dots

Stickies

- *No viewing towers please, Enough walking to natural viewing areas*

- **Paved trail for bike riding/ learning image**

- 4 large green dots
- 2 small green dots
- 6 large red dots
- 10 small red dots

Stickies

- *No paved trails please, Natural Earth trails only, NO bikes please here.*
- *If trail is separate from hiking trails*
- *Absolutely needed. Build this park for the FUTURE NOT the past. Bikes are essential.*
- *Keep bikes and horses out of streams! Out of forest! Out of vernal pool out of Park!*
- *Small red dot*

- **Community garden image**

- 11 large green dots
- 6 small green dots
- 1 large red dots

Stickies

- *Yes community gardens*
- *A great place for diversity – many plantings reflect the various background of participants. Always a waiting list now.*

- *Large green dot – yes, garden*
- **Bike riding on trails image**
 - 24 large green dots
 - 20 small green dots
 - 57 large red dots
 - 10 small red dots

Stickies

- *No bikes*
 - *Mtn biking always gets a bad rap, but bikers are willing to actually show up and do trail maintenance to protect habitat!*
 - *Big red*
 - *Too much noise and traffic on trails for safe, pristine setting for various ages, abilities of walkers*
 - *Mt biking negatively impacts trails + habitats via: informal trails; biking when trails are wet; targeting streams for thrills; and the experience of others using the park*
 - *BIG RED worst idea ever*
 - *Leave some trails for hiking only, then designate a network for multi-use.*
 - *Multi-use trails are what all other parks in neighboring counties are doing.*
 - *Big big big red: narrow trails; fragile ecosystem; only walking only trails in the area, which makes this place peaceful + special*
 - *Keep them out of the park*
 - *Mountain biking on trails will spell the death of the pristine trail environment!!!*
 - *1 small green dot – Biking is essential – huge support, well supported users committed to trail use and maintenance*
 - *Mountain biking would be amazing – especially if the trails were cut property. It would bring significant \$\$ to the area / local businesses.*
- **Archery image**
 - 3 large green dots
 - 2 small green dots
 - 1 large red dots
 - 2 small red dots

Stickies

- *Yes archery*
- **Fishing at the quarry lake image**
 - 8 large green dots
 - 4 small green dots
 - 2 large red dots
 - 5 small red dots

- **Horseshoes image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 3 small green dots
 - 2 large red dots
 - 2 small red dots

Stickies

- *Would this even get used?*

2.c. Play for All Ages



- **Natural surface trails image**
 - 22 large green dots
 - 2 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Hope you will use a minimalist approach!*
 - *Yes*
 - *Yes*
- **Seating image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 4 small green dots
 - 1 large red dots

Stickies

 - *Natural materials seating only please*
 - *Yes*
- **Adult exercise equipment image**
 - 5 small green dots
 - 6 large red dots
- **Public Art image**
 - 1 small green dots
 - 5 large red dots
 - 4 small red dots

Stickies

 - *No public art*
 - *No tree painting*
 - *Not tree painting! Or other sanctioned vandalism*
- **Paved trails suitable for walking/riding image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 8 small green dots
 - 7 large red dots
 - 9 small red dots

Stickies

- *Keep trails natural for best health benefits for walkers*
 - *Red large dot – Big*
 - *Keep walking and biking on separate trails – 3 large green dots; 1 small green dot*
 - *No bikes*
- **Tennis image**
 - 2 small green dots
 - 12 large red dots
 - 14 small red dots

Stickies

 - *Big Red Red*
 - *Yes tennis*
- **Birdwatching image**
 - 9 large green dots
 - 7 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Keep whole park and forest for preserved for bird migrating, etc.*
 - *Platforms not needed, please, encourage viewing from natural sites, hills, etc.*
 - *Yes birdwatching*
- **Running trails (the ski slope) image**
 - 5 large green dots
 - 5 small green dots
 - 1 large red dots

Stickies

 - *Big Green dot*
 - *Yes*
- **Miniature golf image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 3 small green dots
 - 13 large red dots
 - 21 small red dots

Stickies

 - *No commercialization*
- **Viewing tower image**
 - 4 large green dots
 - 6 small green dots
 - 4 small red dots
- **Gardens – demonstration, community image**
 - 9 large green dots
 - 8 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Yes gardens – demo and community*
 - *Ag Center has this*
- **Small concerts in the park image**
 - 10 large green dots
 - 22 small green dots

Stickies

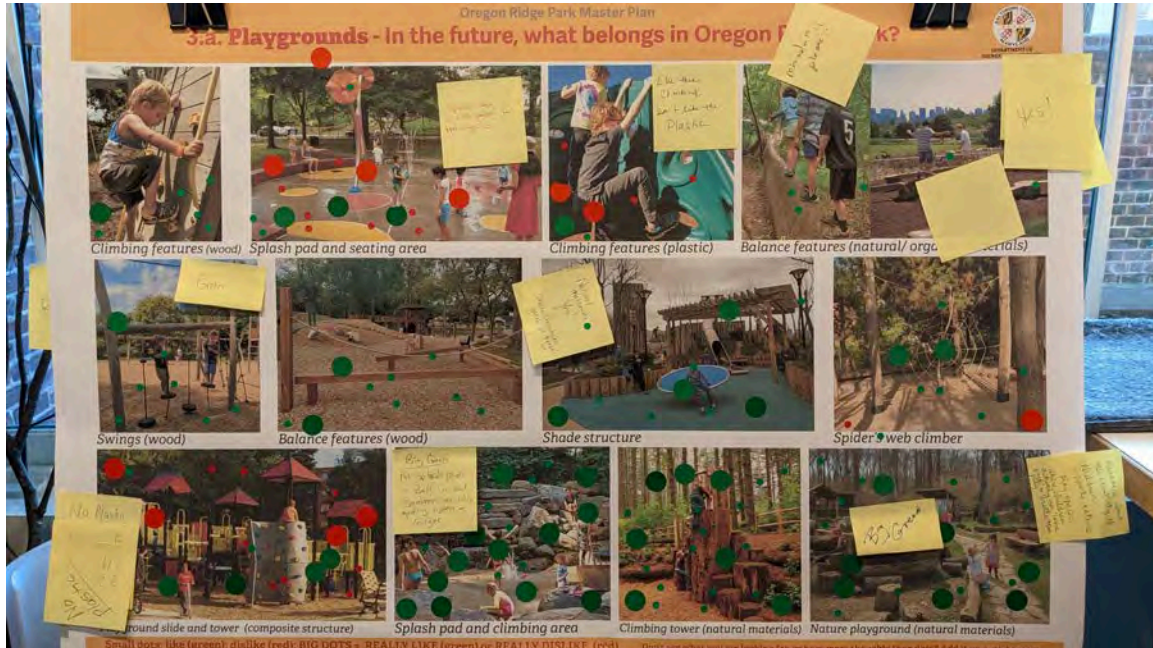
 - *Yes – classical music*
- **Pickleball image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots
 - 8 large red dots

- 24 small red dots

Stickies

- *Out of big red dots. No sports facilities in natural areas*
- *Agree, no sports facilities in natural areas*
- *No, because it's not about nature*
- *Yes*

3.a Playgrounds



- **Climbing features (wood) image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 5 small green dots
- **Splash pad and seating area image**
 - 3 large green dots
 - 3 small green dots
 - 4 large red dots
 - 7 small red dots

Stickies

- *Splash area will be perfect for hot days ☺*

- **Climbing features (plastic) image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots
 - 2 large red dots
 - 3 small red dots

Stickies

- *Like the climbing; don't like the Plastic*

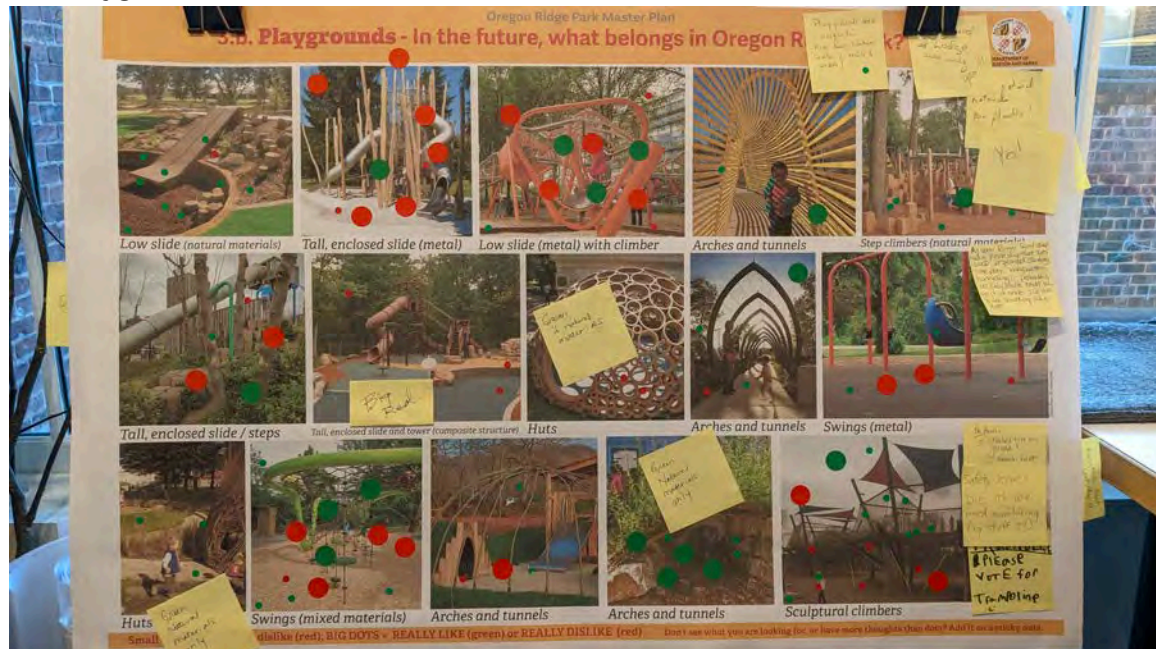
- **Balance features (natural/ organic materials) image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 5 small green dots

Stickies

- *Minimalism please !!*
- *Yes!*

- Yes
 - *Blank (covered up a large green dot)*
- **Swings (wood) image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 6 small green dots
- Stickies*
 - *Green*
- **Balance features (wood) image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 7 small green dots
- **Shade structure image**
 - 4 large green dots
 - 5 small green dots
- Stickies*
 - *Natural materials Yes! Shade structure or trees*
- **Spider's web climber image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 6 small green dots
 - 1 large red dots
 - 1 small red dot
- **Playground slide and tower image**
 - 5 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots
 - 4 large red dots
 - 8 small red dots
- Stickies*
 - *No Plastic! - It's NOT plastic response on same sticky*
 - *Kid's areas should keep a natural look, not concrete & plastic*
 - *No Plastic*
 - *No plastic*
- **Splash pad and climbing area image**
 - 13 large green dots
 - 9 small green dots
- Stickies*
 - *Big Green: No splash pads in Balt Co. and summers are only getting hotter and longer*
- **Climbing tower (natural materials) image**
 - 7 large green dots
 - 14 small green dots
- **Nature playground (natural materials) image**
 - 7 large green dots
 - 12 small green dots
- Stickies*
 - *Big Green*
 - *Research about the creativity of children supports nature – play spaces where children actively use 'loose parts' to create their play*

3.b. Playgrounds



- **Low slide (natural materials) image**
 - 9 small green dots
 - 1 small red dots
- **Tall, enclosed slide image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 6 large red dots
 - 2 small red dots
- **Low slide (metal) with climber image**
 - 3 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots
 - 4 large red dots
 - 2 small red dots
- **Arches and tunnels image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 2 small green dots

Stickies

- *Playgrounds seem adequate – kids have Nature Center and trails and woods! Small green dot*
 - **Step climbers (natural materials) image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 4 small green dots
- Stickies
- *Playground at Lodge area only (note added to sticky – Yes!!!)*
 - *Use natural materials. No plastic!*
 - *Yes.*
- **Tall, enclosed slide image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots
 - 2 large red dots
 - 1 small red dot
 - **Tall, enclosed slide and tower (composite structure) image**

- 3 small red dots

Stickies

- *Big Red*

- **Huts image**

- 2 small green dots
- 2 small red dots

Stickies

- *Green, if natural materials*

- **Arches and tunnels image**

- 1 large green dots
- 1 small green dots
- 1 small red dots

- **Swings (metal) image**

- 2 small green dots
- 2 large red dots
- 1 small red dot

Stickies

- *My sons' former Scout camp had a pirate ship that they LOVED. It provided climbing, 'role play', 'imagination', tunneling – probably 30 kids / adults could be on it at once. I'd love to see something like that.*

- **Huts image**

- 4 small green dots

Stickies

- *Green natural materials only*

- **Swings (mixed materials) image**

- 3 large green dots
- 4 small green dots
- 4 large red dots
- 1 small red dot

- **Arches and tunnels image**

- 2 small green dots
- 1 large red dots
- 1 small red dot

- **Arches and tunnels image**

- 4 large green dots
- 3 small green dots

Stickies

- *Green natural materials only*

- **Sculptural climbers image**

- 1 large green dots
- 9 small green dots
- 2 large red dots
- 4 small red dots

Stickies

- *No plastic or crushed tire on ground! Absorbs heat*
- *Safety issues – does its use need monitoring (by staff??)*
- *Trampoline, Please vote for trampoline ☺*

Stickies

- *No bikes*
- *Having trails for bikes only – or mixed use would be a blessing. Clearly it's working in Patapsco and Little Gunpowder!*
- *Biking trails can be a Part of overall trail system, eg. Hiking only, and multi-use trails!!*
- *Mountain bikers negatively impact trails and habitat by: creating informal trails; biking on wet trails; sliding on downhill*
- *RED!!!*
- *No! Mt. Bikes damage the trails. Trails in this park stay wet for a long time.*
- *ABSOLUTELY! We need better bike infrastructure; build for the future*
- *No*
- *There are mtb trails in Patapsco, Loch Raven, NCR and Gundpowder; Sensitive flora would be desecrated if allowed here!*
- *No to bikes here; Co has lack of open space for public in north county. We need this passive, natural area and it is overutilized already. (small red dot added)*
- *Red – big*
- *No! Bikes!*
- *Absolutely We need bike trails Big Green dot*
- *Separate bike and walking trails*
- *There are many other places in the County bikers can go!*
- *No! Bikes!*

- **Paved ADA accessible multimodal trails image**

- 4 small green dots

Stickies

- *Large green dot*
- *Walking only*

- **Short informal trail loops image**

- 2 large green dots
- 5 small green dots

- **Trail bridges image**

- 6 large green dots
- 7 small green dots

Stickies

- *Big Green dot*
- *Handicapped access for all*

- **Paved ADA accessible trail, with a skatespot image**

- 2 large green dots
- 3 small green dots
- 11 large red dots
- 15 small red dots

Stickies

- *Why tie ADA accessibility with ADA skatepark???*
- *No skatepark at Oregon Ridge park please*

- **Sustainable natural surface trail image**

- 19 large green dots
- 11 small green dots

Stickies

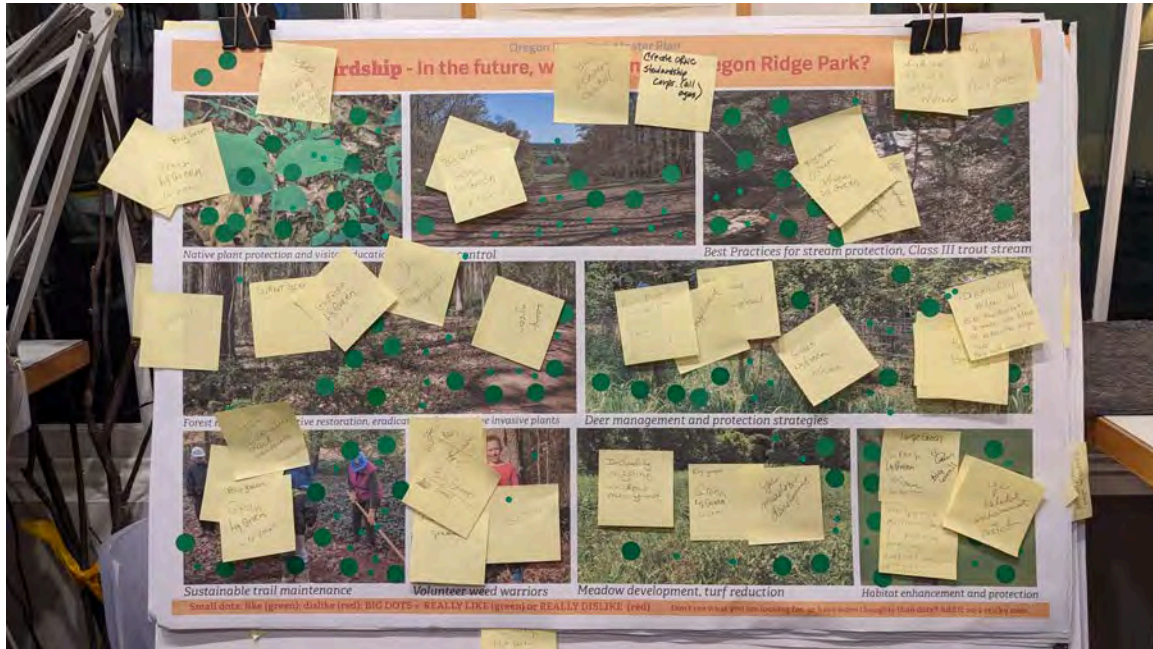
- *Yes, sustainably natural surface trail*
- *Big Green dot*

- *Green dot (small)*
- **Decking or boardwalk in environmentally sensitive areas image**
 - 5 large green dots
 - 14 small green dots

Stickies

- *Big Green*
- *Green – large green (small green dot added)*

5. Stewardship



- **Native plant protection and visitor education image**
 - 14 large green dots
 - 10 small green dots
- Stickies*
 - *Green, large green, big green*
 - *Yes, native plant protection and visitor education*
 - *Green*
- **Erosion control image**
 - 5 large green dots
 - 12 small green dots
- Stickies*
 - *Create ORNC Stewardship Corps (all ages)*
 - *Yes erosion control*
 - *Big Green, Green, Large Green, illegible*
 - *Green*
- **Best Practices for stream protection, Class III trout stream image**
 - 13 large green dots
 - 11 small green dots

Stickies

- *Green, green*
- *Big Green, Green, Large Green*

- *Yes, Best Practices for stream protection*
 - *Anything to do with nature*
 - *Yes to all of this page*
- **Forest management – native restoration, eradication of non-native invasive plants image**
 - 11 large green dots
 - 15 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Large green*
 - *Yes forest management*
 - *Green, large green, illegible*
 - *Giant green*
 - *Green*
- **Deer management and protection strategies image**
 - 10 large green dots
 - 12 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Drastically reduce deer, bite the bullet and make one effort to reduce to 10 per acre; park can't survive*
 - *Green, large green, green*
 - *Deer management – large green*
 - *Yes, deer management*
 - *Yes, continue deer management*
- **Sustainable trail maintenance image**
 - 10 large green dots
 - 12 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Yes, sustainable trail management*
 - *Big green, green, Large green, Illegible*
 - *Green*
- **Volunteer weed warriors image**
 - 3 large green dots
 - 1 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Yes volunteer weed warriors*
 - *Yes, large green!*
 - *Yes! Big Green Big Green!*
 - *Large green*
 - *Green, Large Green*
 - *Green (small green dot)*
- **Meadow development, turf reduction image**
 - 6 large green dots
 - 9 small green dots

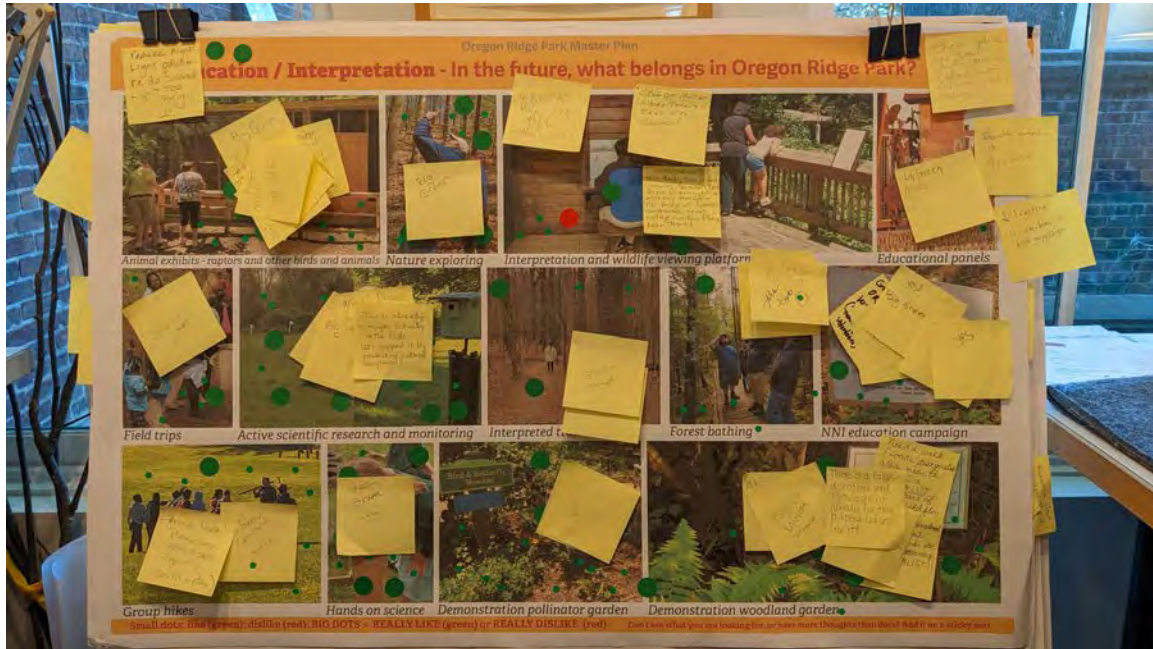
Stickies

 - *Including ongoing meadow management*
 - *Big green, Green, large green, Large green*
 - *Yes meadow development*
- **Habitat enhancement protection image**
 - 11 large green dots
 - 10 small green dots

Stickies

- *Ok if nature takes the lead*
- *Yes habitat enhancement and protection*
- *Large green, green, large green, green, illegible, big green, big green!!*
- *Incorporate mission statement to preserve park as natural resource – do not overdevelop*

6. Education/Interpretation



- **Animal exhibits – raptors and other birds and animals’ image**

- 3 large green dots
- 11 small green dots

Stickies

- *We love to visit all the animals, chickens, rabbits, turkey, owls, etc. when we come to hike.*
- *Big Green – Kids love this!*
- *Solar power lighting; accessible for seniors and handicap; permanent seating for band shell (center?)*
- *Panels #5 and #6 – the two panels most in tune with a nature park are last, when people are out of dots.*
- *Green; illegible*
- *BIG green for ALL*
- *Very popular with kids but need updating (small green dot)*
- *Reduce light pollution; re do current lights too bright ☹*

- **Nature exploring image**

- 4 large green dots
- 6 small green dots

Stickies

- *Big Green*

- **Interpretation and wildlife viewing platform image**

- 2 large green dots
- 3 small green dots

- 1 large red dots
- 1 small red dot

Stickies

- *Oregon Ridge “Where Nature Runs Its Course”*
- *Green Big – for all [Assume all images on Board #6]; Ditto; Green*
- *I disagree with tech here simulated viewing. [editor comment - presume commenter thought blind view was fake – photo is of real viewing blind at real time wetland restoration at the Meadowlands in NJ]. See what here! Correct viewing platform already present - the bridge at forest entrance near nature center. Please keep that!*

- **Educational panels image**

- 1 small green dots

Stickies

- *Large Green; green*
- *Don't overdo it; agreed*
- *These options are about stuff. Here's a shout out for the park's nature.*
- *Lighting – it interferes with bird migration*

- **Field trips image**

- 1 large green dots
- 7 small green dots

Stickies

- *Green; illegible*

- **Active scientific research and monitoring image**

- 7 large green dots
- 12 small green dots

Stickies

- *This is already a major activity in the Park. Let's support it by protecting natural ecosystems!*
- *Great! Please don't disrupt this*
- *Big Green; small green dot added*
- *Green*

- **Interpreted trail image**

- 2 large green dots
- 3 small green dots

Stickies

- *Green; illegible*
- *Big green*

- **Forest bathing image**

- 1 large green dots
- 5 small green dots

Stickies

- *Large green; me too – small green dot*
- *Green?*

- **NNI education campaign image**

- 2 large green dots
- 4 small green dots
- 1 large red dots [editor note – may have been to indicate dislike of garlic mustard, not opposition to NNI management]
- 1 small red dot

Stickies

- *Great need for OR Park weed warriors! (with staff to manage and support volunteers)*

- *Invasive control needed.; Big green*
 - *Yes!; big Green*
 - *Yes*
 - *Green; green*
- **Group hikes image**
 - 1 large green dots
 - 8 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Group hikes! Please keep groups small, typically (as in picture)*
 - *Big Green; green; illegible; small green dot*
- **Hands on science image**
 - 5 large green dots
 - 9 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Green; green; illegible*
- **Demonstration pollinator garden image**
 - 2 large green dots
 - 10 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Green*
 - *Green; green; illegible*
- **Demonstration woodland image**
 - 5 large green dots
 - 5 small green dots

Stickies

 - *Need a wildflower designated area near the Lodge with a NATURALIST taking of care of Spring Wildflowers – trilliums, bloodroot, ferns, bellwort, Pagonia orchids, etc. Must be managed by a NATURALIST!!*
 - *Keep it Green!*
 - *Absolutely Green!; green*
 - *Green; Large Green; illegible*
 - *There is a large donation and state grant already for this purpose. Let us use it!*

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9	SHAWN GREER	
10	Moe Lung	
11	Jon GOTH	
12	Sara Warfield	
13	Mark Fuller	
14	Jeff Baum	
15	Eli Baum	
16	JASON KLAUSING	
17	Robert Hopkins	
18	Simon Best	
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Oregon Ridge - Creation of a Master Plan

Saturday, October 1, 2022 - 1-3 pm

Oregon Ridge Lodge - Sequoia Room

Name

E-Mail Address

1	Sally Callihan	
2	Jamie Muedock	
3	MARTIN BRAZER	
4	Josh McComar	
5	Grace Scott	
6	Rick Scott	
7	Mary Glex Bradlee	
8	Polly Roberts	
9	Scott Roberts	
10	Linda Davis	
11	Kathleen Patterson	
12	Patricia on	
13	Vogel	
14	W. W. Coury	
15	Nancy Pentz	
16	Kelly Pentz	
17	Brian Bernstein	
18	Gary Anderson	
19	Kathleen Gross	
20	Richard Gross	
21	Rebecca Barnum	
22	Nancy Berger	
23	Maureen D'Angelo	
24	Michelle Bays	



authorized
 Only 7 miles of trails now in Oregon Ridge??
 Park

What do MORE bikers mean when they say they maintain trails?

Cut through forest and meadow, removing existing vegetation

Chew up the bare ground with their bike tires

Bring invasive seeds and plants into the areas they denude

Increase erosion, especially on slopes and hills.

Why would the County, the public guardian of Oregon Ridge, invite anyone to do this?

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Fund and support a Youth Conservation Corps.

Train school children to:

- plant trees, remove invasive plants
- appreciate nature
- improve the natural environment
- reuse and recycle



Train school children to think sustainably, to think about their own future.

to appreciate their power to make a difference

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Recreation and Parks

Recreation means what?

A human service, for use of time, mental health
People need parking and toilets

The Lodge, with 2 employees full-time =

Picnics, playgrounds = Recreation

Care of Parks means what?

Looking to health of streams, meadows and forest
Environmental services.

The Nature Center, with 900 acres of woods has

Too few.

has just 2 full-time employees =

Nature Education

How best to merge the two ideas at Oregon Ridge Park?

Keep trails natural, for pedestrians.

Make all new construction sustainable

with solar power, geothermal heating, pesticide free ground maintenance etc.

Increase YOUTH environmental education with students:

planting trees, training naturalists and rangers, paid internships.

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The County Budget at Oregon Ridge

Who is responsible for care of trees and trails at Oregon Ridge Park?

What County budget does this money come from?

DEPS, the Dept. of Environment and Sustainability or

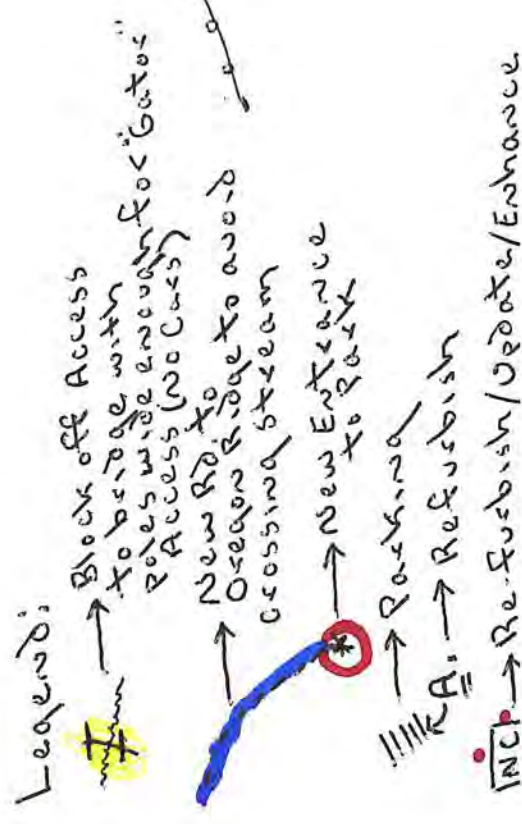
Dept. of Recreation and Parks?

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I should not have to attend a County Budget meeting to get an answer to this question



Oregon Ridge (Plan by Jamie Murdoch (Master Naturalist + Trail Guide) 443-255-3138 Suggestions)

- 1) New Access road from the Lodge connecting into Oregon Ridge Park area on the South side of "Oregon Branch" ... this would eliminate crossing the stream bridge which is in disrepair + prone to flooding.
- 2) Block off bridge to vehicle access with poles on both sides spaced so that a motorized gator can pass thru.
- 3) Improve the parking area on the "left hand" side on the current entrance road prior to the bridge
- 4) Renovate/Update the Nature Center
I do not believe a completely new Nature Center is necessary.
- 5) Refurbish + minor restoration of the existing barrick foundations along the Miner's Trail including the Furnace
- 6) Added picnic tables plus better signage posted along existing hiking trails including several resting benches.
- 7) Clean-up refurbish around the "Ivy Hill" pond off of Ivy Hill Rd.
- 8) New trail loop extending into the West side of Park Woodland plus a better Trail around Vernal pond near the lake
- * * 9) Finally... leave the Park in as pristine / natural unspoiled condition as possible

FOCUS

To Improve and Position Oregon Ridge as "Baltimore County's Nature Gem"

1. Nature
 - Use
 - Theme
 - Mosaic of Nature on Floor
2. Children
 - Education
 - Entertainment
3. Handicapped
 - Throughout
4. Seniors
 - Walking Paths
5. Environment
 - Solar Panels, Skylights, Solar powered lighting

RENNOVATION

1. Transform Part of the Lower Hill Adjoining the "Band Shell"
 - Increase Use of Band Shell providing - An Outdoor Setting
 - Consider renting this as a venue for approved events

MARKETING

1. Evaluate an Official Oregon Ridge Name
 - Examples: Oregon Ridge, Oregon Ridge and Nature Center, Oregon Ridge Park, Oregon Ridge Park and Nature Center, Oregon Ridge Lodge, etc.
2. Evaluate for New Logo to Reflect Consistent Naming of Various Places and Uses of Oregon Ridge
 - To Provide Consistent Naming of Places and Uses of Oregon Ridge
3. New Tag Line
 - Example "Where Nature Takes Its Course", "Nature's Finest"
4. Totally New "Stand-Alone" Website
 - Linked to from Baltimore County site
5. Establish Newsletter for Oregon Ridge

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